

## NORFOLK RECORD SOCIETY

### MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE TOWN HALL, KING'S LYNN, ON THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2009 AT 7.00pm

The members and guests stood in memory of Miss Jean Kennedy, formerly county archivist of Norfolk and a member of the council, who had died in January 2009.

#### **1. Welcome and apologies**

Sir Timothy Colman welcomed members to the meeting and said how pleased he was that the society was holding its general meeting and book launch in the west of the county for the first time in many years. HRH the Duke of Gloucester, patron of the society, was particularly thanked for his attendance. Apologies had been received from a number of members and from council members Michael Begley, Charles Farrow, Alan Mackley and Michael Sayer.

#### **2. Minutes of the general meeting held on 16 November 2006**

The minutes, available for members to scrutinise in the minute book, were taken as read and signed.

#### **3. Report of the Council 2006-2009**

Professor Richard Wilson, chairman of the council, had prepared a written report which was circulated to members at the meeting. A copy appears elsewhere in the minute book. He drew attention to salient points and was available to answer questions. There were none.

#### **4. Financial report (Hon Treasurer)**

Copies of the Treasurer's written report were also made available at the meeting and the report appears elsewhere in the minute book. Dr John Barney added some further details and agreed to take questions.

In general the society's finances continued to be in a satisfactory state, although his forecast outturn for 2009 was now considered too optimistic. Nevertheless there was still no need to consider an increase in subscription rates.

#### **5. Election of President**

Professor Richard Wilson proposed, on behalf of the council, that Mr Richard Jewson, HM Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk, be elected as President of the Society, with effect from the end of the business meeting. This was seconded by Mr Patrick Palgrave-Moore and agreed by the members with acclamation.

#### **6. Election of Vice Presidents**

The following vice presidents were re-elected *en bloc*: Marquess Townshend, the Bishop of Norwich, Professor Owen Chadwick, Sir Nicholas Bacon, Mr H E Paston-Bedingfeld, and Professor David Eastwood.

The council proposed that Sir Timothy Colman and Mr Michael Sayer be elected vice presidents and this was agreed by the meeting.

## **7. Election of Officers – Secretary, Treasurer and Editors**

The following officers were elected:

Secretary	Dr Alan Metters
Treasurer	Dr John Barney
Editors	Mrs Elizabeth Rutledge (Medieval) Dr Jean Agnew (Early Modern) Professor Anthony Howe (Late Modern)

## **8. Election of Council (under the revised constitution of 1976 a Council of 12 members is elected at each General Meeting)**

The following members of council were re-elected *en bloc*: Professor Richard Wilson (Chairman), Dr John Alban, Mr Michael Begley, Mr Charles Farrow, Mr Raymond Frostick, Mr Kristopher Harper, Dr Alan Mackley, Mr Patrick Palgrave-Moore, Professor Carole Rawcliffe, Professor Hassell Smith. Mr Paul Rutledge was elected to the council upon his retirement as early modern editor and in succession to Miss Jean Kennedy, and Dr Elizabeth Griffiths was elected a new member of council in succession to Mr Michael Sayer.

## **9. Subscription rate**

The treasurer confirmed that there was no need to raise subscription rates at present. The council was empowered to vary subscription rates as necessary before the next general meeting.

## **10. Any other business**

There was no other business, and the meeting was closed.

After the close of formal business, two presentations were made by the Duke of Gloucester on behalf of the society: to the retiring President, Sir Timothy Colman; and to Joseph Henley, a former MA student of the University of East Anglia, the winner of the Young Researcher's Prize for 2009.

Volume LXXIII was then launched: *The King's Lynn Port Books 1610-1614*.

The volume was introduced in a lecture by Professor John Morrill of Selwyn College, Cambridge.

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