

NORFOLK RECORD SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE TRINITY GUILDHALL, KING'S LYNN, ON THURSDAY 1st OCTOBER 2015 AT 7.00pm

1. Welcome and apologies

Members of the society, and guests, were welcomed by the Mayor of the Borough of King's Lynn and West Norfolk, Councillor Colin Manning. The president of the society, Mr Richard Jewson, had been obliged to send his apologies for absence and Professor Carole Rawcliffe took the chair. Apologies had also been received from a number of members and from council members Raymond Frostick, Kristopher Harper, Alan Mackley, and Patrick Palgrave-Moore.

2. Minutes of the general meeting held on 27 September 2012

Copies of the minutes were circulated to members attending (and have also been posted on the society website). They were approved and signed.

3. Report of the Council 2012-2015

Professor Rawcliffe presented the report of the council for the three years since the last general meeting and this appears in full elsewhere in the minute book. There were no questions.

4. Financial report (Hon Treasurer)

Copies of the treasurer's written report were made available at the meeting and it appears elsewhere in the minute book. This was Dr Barney's last report before his retirement as the society's honorary treasurer. He was thanked for all his excellent work on the society's behalf during his period of office. In general the society's finances continued to be in a satisfactory state, with ample reserves, although his forecast out-turn for 2015 showed a probable deficit on the year's activities, following an exceptionally good year in 2014. Nevertheless there was still no need to consider a general increase in subscription rates, other than the increase (already agreed by the council) in overseas members' rates from £16 to £20, largely to cover escalating postal costs.

5. Election of President

Mr Richard Jewson, HM Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk, was re-elected as President of the Society.

6. Election of Vice Presidents

The society had lost two vice presidents following the deaths of Professor Hassell Smith in 2013 and the Revd Professor Owen Chadwick in 2015. The remaining vice presidents were re-elected *en bloc*: Sir Timothy Colman, Marquess Townshend, the Bishop of Norwich, Sir Nicholas Bacon, Sir Henry Paston-Bedingfeld, Professor Sir David Eastwood, and Mr Michael Sayer. Mr Raymond Frostick was also elected a vice president in recognition of his many years of service to the society and in consequence of his stated wish to retire as an ordinary member of council.

7. Election of Officers – Secretary, Treasurer and Editors

Dr Roger Ryan was elected honorary treasurer in succession to Dr John Barney.

The following officers were re-elected:

Secretary	Dr Alan Metters
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)

Since the last general meeting, council had co-opted Mr Gary Tuson, the new Norfolk County Archivist, and Dr Roger Ryan, in anticipation of his election as honorary treasurer, in accordance with the society's rules allowing council to co-opt up to three additional members.

Mr Paul Rutledge had died in 2015 and Mr Raymond Frostick had retired as a member of council.

Dr John Barney was elected an ordinary member of council, following his retirement as honorary treasurer.

The following continuing members of council were then re-elected *en bloc*: Professor Carole Rawcliffe, Dr John Alban, Mr Michael Begley, Mr Charles Farrow, Dr Isla Fay, Dr Elizabeth Griffiths, Mr Kristopher Harper, Dr Alan Mackley, Mr Patrick Palgrave-Moore, Mr Gary Tuson, Professor Richard Wilson.

9. Subscription rate

The meeting confirmed the treasurer's recommendation that there be no general increase in subscription rates, other than that for overseas members, as outlined above.

10. Any other business

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

Volume LXXIX was then launched:

Her Price is Above Pearls – Family and Farming Records of Alice Le Strange, 1617-1656
(edited by Elizabeth Griffiths)

The volume was introduced in a lecture by Professor Jane Whittle (University of Exeter).

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