

# THE GARDENERS REST COMMUNITY SOCIETY LTD



AGM RATIFICATION MEETING  
5 October 2021  
Online via Zoom

## PRESENT

Alison Whitaker	Eleanor Stillman	Mike Evans
Andrew Whalley	Jan Brears	Mike Swinden
Anil Ganesh	Janet Ridler	Nigel Williams
Andy Crowther	Ian Sewerin	Paul Ash
Andy Chaplin	Jan Crowther	Richard Emery
Anne Hiller	Jil Deeley-Noades	Rod Challis
Barry Wheatley	John Ashworth	Rosalind Stillman
Clare Burnell	John Scholey	Sam Gregory
Clive MacDonald	Lawrence Whyte	Simon Geller
David Fletcher	Lee Kenny	Tim Stillman
Dominic Ridler	Mark Beckles Willson (Chair)	Will Larter

## APOLOGIES

Michael McManus	Steve Ruffle	Kit Challis
Dominic Rice	Jill Grinstead	

## PRE MEETING NOTE

The Chair explained that, under the Plunkett Foundations Model Rules for Community Ownership which are effectively the constitution of the Gardeners Rest, a quorum of 10% of the membership, ie 41 members, had to be present for the AGM to proceed in its usual form. The AGM held on 31 March 2021 was not quorate so this second meeting was required to ratify any decisions taken. The Model Rules state that the quorum for the second meeting is 'the number of Members present'.

### 1 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 31 MARCH 2021

#### 1.1 Item 6 should have referred to an interest rate of 0.75% rather than 1%.

With this amendment, the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 31 March 2021 were agreed as a true record.

### 2 ADOPTION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The meeting ratified the decision to adopt the annual accounts *nem con*.

Andy Chaplin confirmed that the final Corporation tax liability was approximately £4,000, as allowed for in the accounts.

### 3 ELECTIONS TO THE BOARD

The meeting ratified Andy Crowther, Jan Brears and Mark Beckles Willson's re-appointment to the Board *nem con*.

#### 4 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

The meeting ratified the decision to appoint CJ Woodhead as the Independent Examiner for the current financial year *nem con*.

#### 5 SHARE INTEREST RATE FOR 2019-2020

The meeting ratified the decision to pay interest to members for the fourth year of the Society's operation at a rate of 0.75% for all investments *nem con*.

#### 6 OTHER BUSINESS

##### 6.1 Current situation

The Chair stated that, despite the ongoing restrictions on our operation, the pub has started to return to profitable trading. Live music has started again, albeit on a reduced scale in the current circumstances. The training programme for students at Freeman College is due to restart in November, after the College's half term.

A grant has been received to fund a large part of the cost of re-roofing the pub and this work is now under way.

In response to a member's question, the Chair confirmed that sandwiches will be available again in the near future in parallel with the Freeman College programme.

In response to another question, Andy Chaplin confirmed that any interest on investments which has not been paid out is being held in the pub's funds and is identified in the annual accounts.

Clare Burnell thanked the Board and staff for making the Gardeners such a safe place to visit during the ongoing pandemic.

Mark Beckles Willson  
21 October 2021