

MINUTES for the AGM of the Vision Group for Sidmouth

Thursday 9th December 2021

[via Zoom; including links]

Attendance: Peter Murphy (chair), Mary Walden-Till (webmaster), Roger Till (treasurer), Jeremy Woodward (secretary)

And: Dave Bramley, Paul Murray, Simon Strange

Apologies: Cllr Ian Barlow, Cllr Denise Bickley, Michael Brittain, Graham Cooper, Robert Crick, Susan Harley, Graham Hutchinson

1: The Chair welcomed all to the VGS 2021 AGM; the Secretary was asked to chair the meeting, due to technical issues

2: The Agenda was confirmed (to be found [here](#))

3: The Minutes of the VGS 2020 AGM were unanimously agreed to (to be found [here](#))

4: The following Reports from officers were given:

- Chair (given by the Secretary): A short summary of VGS input & activity from the past year was given, including the [Awards](#) and the [FOGG project](#)
- Secretary: A further look at ongoing projects, including the [River Sid](#) and [Sidmouth Solar Punk](#), and issues, as covered on the VGS news pages and social media
 - A tribute to Robert Crick, former VGS chair and long-standing active member or the VGS, who will be retiring
- Treasurer: A presentation of the 2020-21 Accounts (to be found [here](#)) and an application for an STC grant
- Webmaster: A look at the [VGS website](#) and its contents; and the online services the VGS offers, for example the [Sidmouth Twinning Circle](#) and [Sidmouth Fair Trade](#)

5: Election of officers: the following were unanimously re-elected to their posts:

- Chair: Peter Murphy: proposed by Mary Walden-Till; seconded by Roger Till
- Secretary: Jeremy Woodward: proposed by Roger Till; seconded by Simon Strange
- Treasurer: Roger Till: proposed by Jeremy Woodward; seconded by Peter Murphy
- Webmaster: Mary Walden-Till: proposed by Paul Murray; seconded by Peter Murphy

6: Reports on official processes VGS are involved in:

- Mary gave an update on the [Beach Management Plan steering group](#) and in particular the [Beach Management Plan pause group](#), which has already over-run by several months.
- Jeremy read out Michael Brittain's report which can be found at the [VGS Cycling in Sidmouth](#) pages. Simon talked about his experiences cycling along the Bath-Bristol cycleway and hopes to contribute to efforts to promote cycling in the Sid Valley.
- Jeremy reported on the [Draft new Local Plan for East Devon](#) and the [VGS submission to the Local Plan](#). Paul talked about his academic experience at Plymouth Uni and his interest in promoting sustainable building in the Sid Valley.

7: A look to the New Year from the Chair:

- There was a brief consideration of how the VGS might further build on its new contacts and relationships in establishing an activity and project agenda for 2022.

8: The meeting closed at 8pm