



## **East Grinstead Memorial Estate Ltd**

Registered Charity No 305211

Company No 468425

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### **MINUTES**

### **73rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 73rd Annual General Meeting of East Grinstead Memorial Estate Ltd was held at **7pm on Tuesday 5th July 2022** at Studio 1, Chequer Mead Community Arts Centre, De La Warr Road, East Grinstead, RH19 3BS

The meeting was chaired by Lloyd Richards and there were 15 members present. Apologies for absence were received from 6 members.

12 members had taken the opportunity to vote on the resolutions before the meeting, 11 via "Survey Monkey", and 1 using hard copy.

1. The annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 were unanimously approved by a show of hands plus the pre-meeting votes.
2. By an unanimous show of hands, plus the pre-meeting votes, Ann Hacke was reappointed as a Director of the Company.
3. By an unanimous show of hands, plus the pre-meeting votes, Matt Rew was reappointed as a Director of the Company.
4. By an unanimous show of hands, plus the pre-meeting votes, Christian Williams was reappointed as a Director of the Company.
5. By an unanimous show of hands, plus the pre-meeting votes, Brooks & Co were reappointed as the Company's accountant and the Board of Directors were authorised to set their fees.
6. By an unanimous show of hands, plus the pre-meeting votes, Special Resolution No.1 was passed:  
*That the definition of "Charity" within clause 1.1 of the Companies Articles of Association be changed from "means East Grinstead War Memorial Limited, company number 00468425" to "means East Grinstead Memorial Estate Limited, company number 00468425"*
7. 26 members voted for, and 1 member voted against Special Resolution No. 2. This being greater than the 75% required by law, the Resolution was approved.  
*That a new clause 27A be added to the Companies Articles of Association:*  
*27A Total term of office of Directors*  
*(a) A person shall not hold office as Director for more than nine consecutive years following the AGM at which their appointment was ratified.*

*(b) Two years must pass before any former Director shall be eligible for re-election to the board, whatever term of office they have previously held.*

### **Any other Business**

A) The Chair thanked Shirley Baker, Anthony Fisher and Mike Funnell who were resigning from the Board after many years of loyal and dedicated service. Mike would still be attending Board Meetings as a non-voting advisor.

B) Brian Auker raised concerns about dying trees in the woods not being dealt with by MSDC. In response the Chair mentioned that Ash die-back was a big problem and added that this whole issue is being discussed with MSDC, English Woodlands & the Forestry Commission.

C) Brian Auker also queried why felled trees had been left haphazardly in the woods and added that this might encourage others to leave a mess. The Chair said he would take cases up with MSDC and encourage members to tell him of issues that needed fixing.

D) Brian Auker then asked what progress was being made with the Holtye Track. The Chair reported that this was a hot, and active, issue with MSDC who seems to be finding every reason not to maintain and/or improve it.

E) Philip Martin observed that MSDC appeared to have completed very little of the 10-year plan that was fundamental to the site being designated a SANG. The Chair agreed that although day-to-day hygiene factors (bin emptying, grass cutting, etc) are being carried out, our concern with MSDC's lack of action is becoming increasingly frustrating, and we are trying to bring them to heel.

F) A discussion ensued as to whether members of the public could undertake work themselves in the wood - for instance to cut-back undergrowth from paths. The Chair stated that without appropriate insurance, this might result in problems, and a more appropriate avenue would be to work with Ashplats Conservation Group.

The meeting then closed at 7.52pm.



Lloyd Richards  
Chairman  
11th October 2022