

## **East Grinstead Memorial Estate Ltd**

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Company No 468425
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## 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **74th Annual General Meeting** of East Grinstead Memorial Estate Ltd was held at **7pm on Tuesday 11th July 2023** at Studio 1, Chequer Mead Community Arts Centre, De La Warr Road, East Grinstead, RH19 3BS

- 18 Members were present
- 5 Members had presented their apologies for absence
- 3 Members had lodged proxy votes and all respondents approved all resolutions.

The Minutes of the 73rd AGM, held in July 2022, had been approved by the Directors at their Board Meeting on 11th October 2022. A copy had been posted to the company's website for public view.

- 1. The annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022 had previously been circulated to the Members and were unanimously approved by a show of hands
- 2. In accordance with clause 27 (b) of the Articles, Christopher Nunn, not having been appointed or reappointed at one of the preceding two annual general meetings, was standing to be reappointed as a Director of the Company. This was approved unanimously.
- 3. Following appointment by the Directors in the interval between the last AGM and this AGM (in accordance with clause 27 (a) of the Articles), Philip Martin was standing to be be reappointed as a Director of the Company. This was approved unanimously.
- 4. The meeting agreed unanimously that Brooks and Co should be reappointed as the Company's accountant and the Board of Directors be authorised to set their fees.
- 5. Any Other Business
  - 1. The Chair thanked Christopher Russell, who was not standing for re-election as a Director, for 9 years of service to the Charity particularly in regards to our grants programme.
  - 2. The Chair also acknowledged the service of Mike Barlow, who had recently resigned as a Director because of workload associated with Foodbank.
  - 3. It was noted that although the value of the company's investments had fallen in line with market trends, the income from them had been more or less sustained.
  - 4. MSDC's performance in managing the SANG was still unsatisfactory (eg cutting back the Holtye Track then leaving it to overgrow again) but robust discussions with them were on-going. The establishment of a second SANG in EG may assist our cause.

- 5. Dr. Ferry queried whether there was a possibility of trees recovering from ash die-back. The experts in the room hadn't heard of this phenomenon but added that an estimated 5% of ash's are expected to survive the disease.
- 6. The meeting closed with Chris Russell leading a vote of thanks to Messrs Richards and Nunn for their hard work on behalf of the charity.
- 7. There being no other business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.38pm.

Lloyd Richards Chairman 10th October 2023

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