



## **East Grinstead Memorial Estate Ltd**

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Company No 468425

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## **2024**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The **75th Annual General Meeting** of East Grinstead Memorial Estate Ltd was held at **7pm on Tuesday 9th July 2024** 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 had approved all resolutions.

The Minutes of the 74th AGM, held in July 2023, had been approved by the Directors at their Board Meeting on 10th October 2023. 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 2023 had previously been circulated to the Members and were unanimously approved by a show of hands

1.1. Lloyd Richards highlighted:

1.1.1. We had recruited 2 new Trustees and done some good work on our website and social media

1.1.2. Grants last year totalled £30k, but had been paired back to a more sustainable £15k this year

1.1.3. Reserves were stronger now than 12 months ago with the Balance sheet £50k up.

1.1.4. A new 15 year lease had been signed with EG Target Shooting Club

1.1.5. We have been working with EG Town Football Club and MSDC/ Glendale to get the East Court football pitches back into commission

1.1.6. A long-lasting plastic boardwalk/steps is due to be installed by MSDC on the Ghyll steps soon at a (SANG) cost of £77k

2. In accordance with clause 27 (b) of the Articles, Lloyd Richards, 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), Stephen Metcalfe was standing to be reappointed as a Director of the Company. This was approved unanimously.

4. 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 Thomas was standing to be reappointed as a Director of the Company. This was approved unanimously.
5. 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.
6. Any Other Business
  - 6.1. Lynn Graysmark was retiring as a Director at the end of her 9 year term and was warmly thanked for her efforts, particularly regarding our Grants scheme.
  - 6.2. Chris Nunn & Melvin Philips were also standing down as Directors after 9 years but would continue in non-voting Staff roles.
  - 6.3. Brian Auken asked for an update on the previously reported potential to "go legal" with MSDC for failing to fulfil their SANG commitments. LR explained that this was on hold but could still be reactivated if necessary. It was felt that this move had already caused MSDC to improve their performance.
  - 6.4. LR advised that MSDC are developing an Ash die-back plan which will be risk based, rather than "scorched earth". We had little other information on this at this time.
  - 6.5. It was noted that the 10 year SANG plan is soon due for renewal, and LR confirmed that this was uppermost in our discussions with MSDC.
  - 6.6. The members discussed the site of the 5th Nov bonfire with various suggestions being made about how to manage the localised damage. It was noted however that the Bonfire Group had done an excellent clean up job.
  - 6.7. Chris Russell asked about the health of the Ashplats Conservation Group. It was reported that numbers are low and tasks are quite restricted, so only a limited amount can be achieved.
  - 6.8. There being no other business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.42pm.

Lloyd Richards  
Chairman  
8th October 2024

