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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 19 February 2012

The eighth annual general meeting of Farnham Humanists was held on 20 February 2011 at the Hop Blossom Pub.

Present included: Mike Adams, Jean Fawbert, Ailsa Davies, Keith Hayward, Jim Herrick, Elizabeth & Harold Hillman, Alec Leggatt, Michael Leahy, Averil & Vincent Marks, Alan & Linda Montgomery, David Savage, Sue Shaw, Greta Thomas, Paul Weedon, Sue Willson (19)

Apologies: Ruth & John de Prey, Wendy & Douglas Gilbey, Jennie & Simon Johnson, Bob Jones, Pam Leggatt, Belinda Schwehr

Approval of the minutes of the last meeting: No objections were raised.

Matters arising: None

Chairman's report: David Savage reported on a full and active year for Farnham Humanists. He listed some of our achievements.

- A full and varied programme for the year which included a number of eminent visiting speakers.
- Our census banner in West Street Farnham, which read, 'Are you non-religious. Then tick 'No religion'. (Detailed results will be available during 2013.)
- UCA (University College of the Arts) Farnham formed a student Humanist group with our assistance.
- Our annual debate last November, 'Morality without religion has no firm foundation' last November.
- Sid's book club has been meeting regularly - lively discussions.
- Summer garden party at Alan and Linda's
- Humanist walk.

David reported on members activities, progress and campaigning.

- **Chaplaincy** . Alec Legatt had continued his good work with Surrey Police as an associate chaplain. David asked if anyone is interested in standing in for Alec. Please contact Alec. Progress in humanist hospital chaplaincy had been disappointingly slow.
- **Hustings** Churches Together agreed in principle to share the pre general election hustings.
- **Sacre**. Jennie Johnson's ideas to have a secular module in the Surrey Schools syllabus was adopted.
- **Schools**. Alan Montgomery's school talks on humanism were well received. More work in schools is planned later this year.
- **Celebrants**. David congratulated both celebrants who have joined Farnham Humanists and newly qualified members including: Sue Willson, Ailsa Davies and Roy Weedon. Sue Willson organised a stall at the Maltings Wedding Fair this month and was pleased with the level of interest.
- **U3A**. Jim Herrick's 6 week Humanism course started on 14 February and is well attended.
- **Programme**. The 2012 programme offers interesting speakers, discussions and events.

Treasurer's report: Mike Adams reported that he had drawn up the accounts and they had been audited by Simon Johnson. Total subscriptions, £330, were down on 2010 but some members had paid in the previous year. Our main expenditure had been the Census banner £246 and £120 for the debate hall hire. It was recommended and agreed to keep our subscription at £10 per person. Members are welcome to add a voluntary contribution. The accounts were accepted.

Subscriptions. Mike Adams recommended and agreed to keep our subscription of £10 per person. Members are welcome to add a voluntary contribution.

Subscriptions are now due and should be made payable to Farnham Humanists and sent to Mike Adams at 10 New House Farm Lane, Wood Street Village, Guildford, Surrey GU3 3DD.

Change to constitution. David Savage proposed a resolution to replace item 4 of our Constitution, increasing the number of officers from 5 to 7. Endorsed by Jim Herrick, seconded by Vincent Marks.

Election of Chairman: David Savage proposed Jennie Johnson as Chair, deferring to Alan Montgomery when he is available. Endorsed by Roy Weedon and seconded by Sue Shaw

Election of Vice Chairman: This was omitted. David Savage proposes Belinda Schwehr.

Re election of officers and committee: Sue Shaw proposed Sue Willson. Endorsed by Jean Fawbert. All other officers and members were prepared to stand. Endorsed by Harold Hillman and seconded by Vincent Marks.

Chairman:	Jennie Johnson deferring to Alan Montgomery
Vice Chairman:	Belinda Schwehr
Secretary:	Sue Shaw
Treasurer:	Mike Adams
Committee Members:	Alec Leggatt
	Jim Herrick
	Alan Montgomery
	David Savage
	Roy Weedon
	Sue Willson

Appointment of auditor: Simon Johnson was re-appointed as auditor.

Affiliations to the British Humanist Association (BHA) and National Secular Society (NSS) agreed.

Any other business: None