

Annual General Meeting 2017

The 93rd Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at 2.30pm on Thursday 22nd June 2017 in the Library of St Giles House, Wimborne St Giles, Dorset by kind permission of the Rt Hon. The Earl of Shaftesbury. The meeting was chaired by the President, the Rt Hon. Lord Inglewood, D.L., and attended by 128 people. It was a pleasant summer afternoon.

The President began proceedings by welcoming members and thanking Lord Shaftesbury.

After receipt of apologies for absence (from 22 members) and the signing by the Chairman of the Minutes of the 2016 AGM (previously published in Volume 61 of the *Transactions* for 2017), the Secretary, Mr Matthew Saunders, summarised the events of the year. He asked the audience to indulge him as he offered a retrospect over the last 40 years of the Conservation Movement – as this would be his last AGM in post. He would be retiring, after 40 years, early in 2018.

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2016 were presented by the Society's Treasurer, Mr Simon Barnes and approved *nem.con* by the Meeting. The Treasurer nominated Messrs McClintocks as the Society's auditors and their re-election was confirmed *nem.con*.

The Meeting then proceeded to the elections. A list of those standing had been issued as part of the AGM Notice and brief biographies had been available on request during the preceding month and were provided for the Meeting. All Officers and Trustees standing had been proposed and seconded before 31st March in accordance with the Constitution. The Chairman then put the election of Officers and Members of Council to the Meeting in two separate blocs. They were elected *nem.con*.

There then followed an address on the history and rescue of St Giles House by Lord Shaftesbury and the day was rounded off by tea and guided tours of the house, garden and grotto.

GILES QUARME, R.I.B.A.
CHAIRMAN