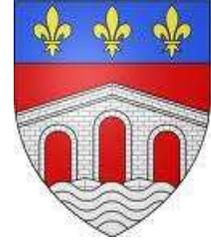




# RINGWOOD & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION TWINNED WITH PONT-AUDEMER



Pont-Audemer

## Annual General Meeting 26th June 2018 DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Tony Ring (Mayor and President), Sharon and John Legg (Chairman), Barbara and Colin Nye (Hon Sec), Jan and Guy Walker, Jan and Dennis Gransden, Val Harbour

1. Apologies: Trevor Pogson, Patricia Taylor, Penny Buckley
2. The minutes of the 2017 AGM were approved
3. **President's opening remarks.**

The President welcomed everyone and thanked the Chairman, Hon, Sec and their wives for all their hard work in keeping the Twinning going. The aim of the organisation over the next year was to increase membership so that there are sufficient members to operate the Twinning. He thanked Cllr Phil Day for all his support with the fund-raising events this year both of which were great fun and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. He noted the very warm welcome that Pont-Audemer extends to us on our visits there.

### 4. **Chairman's Annual Report**

A full copy of his report is filed with the minutes. In his report the Chairman made mention of Twinning activities of the last year:

- Christmas meal
- Comedy evening with Phil Lowen
- Musique a Trois concert
- Visit to Pont-Audemer

He expressed concern that the membership numbers had fallen to the point where social events were no longer possible. Fund raising was solely through events at the Meeting House. He concluded by thanking the Hon Sec for all his work keeping the Twinning going.

### 5. **Treasurer's report**

The audited Accounts were submitted and a copy is on file. The acting treasurer reported a loss of £167.16 but this was due to the fact that we covered all the expenditure incurred on behalf of our guests during their visit, whilst in the previous year we made a profit.

The acting treasurer informed the meeting that whilst our balance was healthy our funds were still at the same level as 2010. The Twinning visit here cost over £1000 to put on and without

all the sponsorship we had received for the visit, our lack of fund raising events has left us with only enough money to fund one more visit in 2019.

### **Election of Officers**

There were no nominations received for any of the posts.

6. **Chairman.** John Legg was proposed by the President and agreed to continue for another year
7. **Deputy Chairman.** This post remains vacant
8. **Honorary Secretary.** Colin Nye agreed to continue in this role but noted that he was only prepared to continue as Press Officer, Membership Secretary, Events Organise and Social Secretary for one more year.
9. **Honorary Treasurer.** This post remains vacant.
10. **Membership Secretary** The Hon Sec agreed to do this as the two posts merged in 2015.
11. **Social Secretary.** Remains vacant
12. **Committee members**  
Barbara Nye, Sharon Legg, Jan and Guy Walker agreed to join the executive committee. John Legg proposed them and Tony Ring seconded it. It was carried unanimously.
13. **Honorary Auditor.**  
Sarah Nye agreed to audit the accounts again in 2019 with the proviso that she was only prepared to sign of the accounts in the future if there was a proper paper trail for all income. Receipts must be issued for all cash transactions and membership forms must be completed.
14. **Subscription Fees for 2018**  
  
After some discussion the President proposed we maintain the fee at £12. This was seconded by John Legg and carried unanimously.
15. **AOB**
  - 15.1 The date of the next visit by Pont-Audemer has been requested as May 30<sup>th</sup> to Jun 2<sup>nd</sup> . This will need to be acceptable to the Town Council and the President agreed to raise the issue in the next council meeting.
  - 15.2 It was noted that the plaque to accompany the tree presented to Pont-Audemer on the recent visit has been delivered to the Mayor.

The President thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.