

PORLOCK HORTICULTURAL AND CRAFTS SOCIETY

AGM

Thursday 30th November 2017, 7.15pm

		Action
1	<p>Present – committee: Diana Dean, Kath Else, Chris Fitzgerald, Betty Glossop, Lin Littlefield, Marilyn Murch, Paul Murch, Rita Swindells, Anna Toeman, Margaret Wildig</p> <p>In attendance: Jenny Britnell, Sheila Eddols, Ann Fair, Anna and Robert Hanson, Ruth Hyett, Angela Palmer, David Swindells</p> <p>Apologies: Malcolm Appleton, Sue Appleton, Peter Day, Win Day, Peter Leather</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of 2016 AGM</p> <p>*These were available at the meeting. No corrections were made so they were approved and signed by Paul.</p> <p>Matters arising</p> <p>*There were none.</p>	
3	<p>Chairman’s Report – Paul Murch</p> <p>*Paul started by saying it has been an interesting and busy year with a number of events including talks, two successful Shows, a Seed Swap, a stall at the Country Fair and the trip to Sherborne Castle. He offered his thanks to the committee for the great team work and time put into all the events and activities.</p> <p>*Paul also offered his thanks to a number of individuals –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kath for doing the lunches on Show Days – she will be missed. Toni Thornton has agreed to do the lunches in 2018 and the details will be finalised early in the year • Margaret for organising all the talks. She does a splendid job and we’ve had some excellent speakers in the last year. Paul explained that Phil Kerton had been unable to make it to Porlock last week due to a number of traffic problems on route. It is hoped that we can invite him again in 2018 • Win and Peter Day, who have decided to stand down from the committee after many years of involvement. However, they hope to be able to help on Show Days as usual <p>*Paul made the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gordon Holt retired from judging the Vegetable and Fruit Sections at the Summer Show this year, after many years. We had a small presentation at the Show lunch and thanked him with a gift from Allerford Forge • The Society has a number of sponsors who support the Shows in various ways including financial contributions, raffle prizes, publicity and more. We are extremely grateful for their support which makes a huge difference to both the Spring and Summer Shows • Porlock attended the Inter-Club Gardening Quiz hosted by Carhampton Gardening Club and were very pleased to have come a creditable second behind the hosts and just ahead of Minehead Gardening Club! 	
4	<p>Treasurer’s Report and Accounts – Rita Swindells</p> <p>*The accounts to the year ended 30th September 2017 were available at the meeting.</p> <p>*Rita made the following points regarding the General Account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It appears that the Society has fewer members than last year. Actually the number has stayed the same but several patrons have paid to be members this year • It is pleasing to note that the income and expenditure on the talks and Seed Swap is about in balance across the year. The Country Fair is a good boost to income as it costs very little financially, just in terms of people’s time • The trip to Sherborne Castle made a profit of £5 which is a very good position to be in! • There was a surplus of £478 on the general account which is very pleasing <p>*Rita made the following points about the Show Account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income from the sponsors is very valuable and Rita thanked Paul and Marilyn for all their efforts in collecting from the sponsors • The cost of cup engraving has gone up. In the past cup holders would often present their engraving receipts at the following Show so the cost would be reported up to a year late. This year, Paul has negotiated a fixed price with Frances James Jewellers and so the figure in the accounts represents engraving costs from both 2016 and 2017. 	

	<p>With this new system in place it should be possible to manage the engraving costs much better</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We had some additional expenditure to purchase material for curtains for the Small Hall to act as a backdrop to the Decorative Section entries. These were made by Chris Miles who did not charge for her time • The Shows made a slight loss of £86 <p>*The surplus across both accounts was £392 giving total funds available at the end of the year of £6263. This is very pleasing and reflects an exceptional year for the Society.</p> <p>*The accounts have been audited and approved by Trevor Telling. Thanks were offered to Rita and Trevor.</p>	
5	<p>Appointment of officers to the committee</p> <p><u>Chairman</u> – Paul Murch is happy to continue. No-one else was proposed. Paul's reappointment was approved by all.</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u> – Rita Swindells is happy to continue. No-one else was proposed. Rita's reappointment was approved by all.</p> <p><u>Secretary</u> – Anna Toeman is happy to continue. No-one else was proposed. Anna's reappointment was approved by all.</p>	
6	<p>Formation of new committee</p> <p>*Apart from Win and Peter Day all members of the committee are happy to continue. No one else came forward to join so the committee therefore consists of Diana Dean, Kath Else, Chris Fitzgerald, Betty Glossop, Peter Leather, Lin Littlefield, Marilyn Murch, Paul Murch, Rita Swindells, Anna Toeman and Margaret Wildig.</p>	
7	<p>AOB</p> <p>a) Kath reported that Porlock Open Gardens will be taking place in May 2018 – the date will be confirmed once the date of the royal wedding has been announced.</p> <p>b) The next event for the Society is the Seed Swap and Coffee Morning on Saturday 27th January. All other dates so far booked in 2018 have been circulated to members in their newsletter.</p> <p>c) The date and destination for the coach trip have yet to be confirmed but it is expected to have these in place by the next newsletter in January.</p> <p>Paul concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and looking forward to seeing everyone at one or more of the Society's events!</p>	

The meeting was followed by refreshments and then an excellent and very informative demonstration by Caroline Clifford on how to make a Christmas wreath.

Approval of minutes (to take place at the 2018 AGM) –