

Friends of Great Rollright School

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 30 September 2020

1. Attendance and Regrets

Present: Samantha Thorburn (Chair), Michelle Jones (Treasurer), Charlotte Robinson (Secretary), Kate Drake (Trustee), Michelle Hastings (Head and Trustee), Martene Midwood (Trustee), Rebecca MacRae (Trustee), Lisa Williams (Trustee), Kate Wood, Sam Wood, Duncan Midwood, Andrew Skinner, Hayley Timms, Ed Smith, Erica Smith, Rachel Keenan, Ruth Fisher, Martha Simpson, Clare Newcome Evans

Apologies: Kathryn Lougheed (Trustee)

2. Confirmation of Quorum

Confirmed.

3 . Approval of Minutes

Members approved the minutes from the 2019/20 AGM.

4 . Chair's Report

Sam Thorburn gave a report on the Friends' activities and achievements in the past year. Her report is attached.

Members voted to approve the report.

4. Treasurer's Report

Michelle Jones gave a report on Friends' income and expenditure in the past year. Her report is attached.

Michelle confirmed that the accounts have been audited and approved by Tom Gormley, as Independent Examiner.

Michelle confirmed that there are current ongoing annual commitments to spend totalling approximately £5,500.

Michelle confirmed that £10,000 has been ring fenced for items in the KS1 outdoor area.

As outgoing Treasurer, Michelle highlighted the fact that a major source of income, the Kin & Carta donation, will not continue after this year, nor will the Britvic or Bingo donations due to lack of events, and that family donations are decreasing. She suggested a number of past fundraising activities that could be revisited by the new committee, including a sponsored event for the children for which we could claim Gift Aid, and a parent challenge, such as climbing the three peaks.

Members voted to approve the report.

5. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Members voted to appoint Tom Gormley as Independent Examiner for the coming year.

6. Election of officers

There were 3 nominations, one for each position. The following members were voted into post:

Martene Midwood - Chair

Kate Drake - Treasurer

Charlotte Robinson - Secretary

Michelle Jones and Sam Thorburn have stepped down from the committee.

7. Election of Trustees at large

There were three nominations for Trustee for the coming year. The following members were voted onto the committee as Trustee:

Rebecca MacRae

Rachel Keenan

Kate Wood

Kathryn Lougheed and Lisa Williams have stepped down as Trustee.

8. A word from Michelle Hastings, Headteacher

Michelle Hastings expressed thanks to the Friends from all the teachers for all their hard work in raising funds for the school. She thanked Michelle Jones and Sam Thorburn for their dedication to the Friends over a number of years.

Michelle stressed that the money the Friends raise is essential, as the school budget only covers staffing and a few basic necessities. The money does not just buy treats but is spent on essential educational items that benefit every child and make a tremendous difference - this year most notably on improving the school library, experiences for the children and the KS1 outside area.

Michelle welcomed the new committee and looks forward to working together.

9. Open discussion: a chance for those attending to ask questions or comment

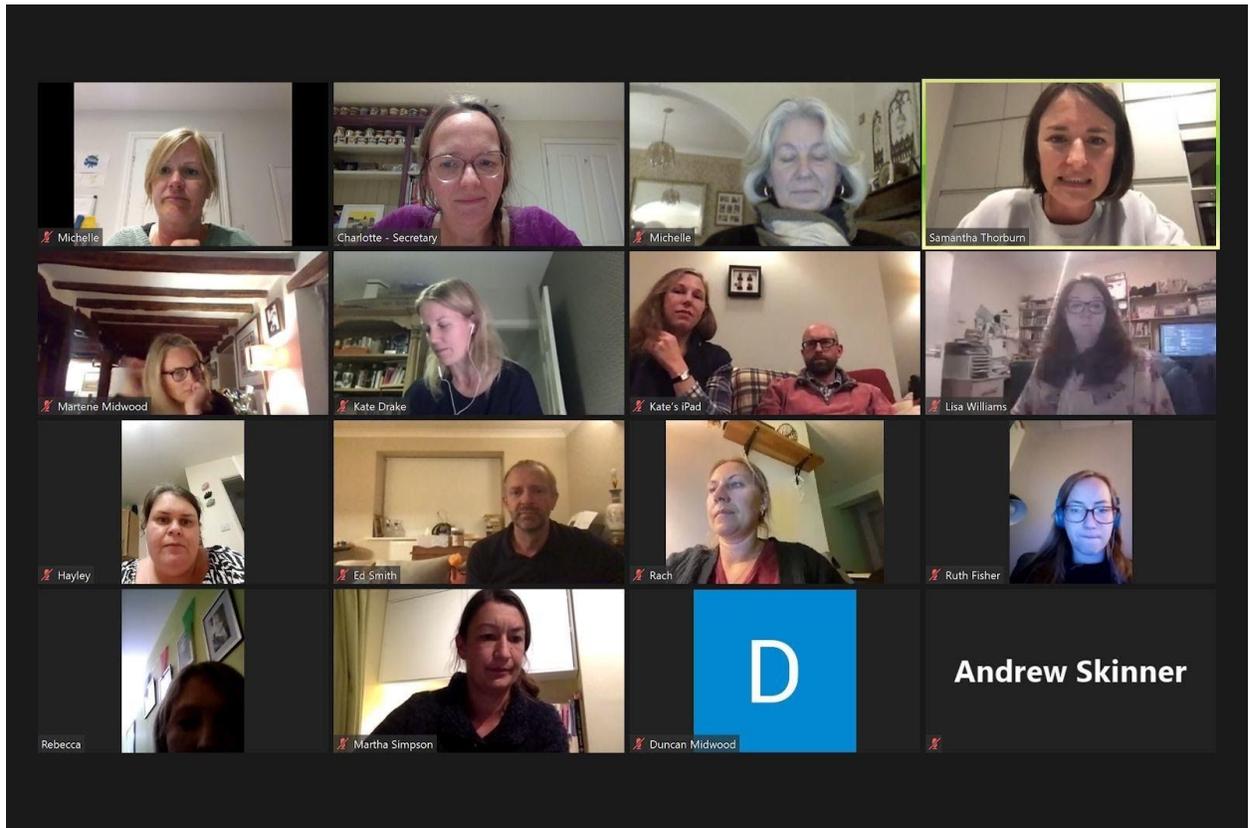
Martene Midwood confirmed that Friends meetings will continue via Zoom for the foreseeable future. She stressed that we will need to be creative - not looking at repeating past events but looking forward to new ways to raise money. She asked parents to email the committee with any suggestions for raising funds.

Martha Simpson suggested that the Friends write to parents to ask for monthly donations. She thought that as parents are not paying for clubs, perhaps they would be willing to donate this money to the Friends instead. This form of giving might appeal to some parents more than the 100 club.

Rachel suggested that we look to link an event to the harvest festival with a harvest/pumpkin/scarecrow trail.

Charlotte Robinson invited all members to attend committee meetings as and when they are able.

10. Date of first meeting - Wednesday 7 October 2020





Andrew Skinner





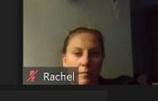
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Zoom Meeting

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