

New Forest Association (Registered Charity No: 260328)

Notice regarding the postponed 2020 Annual General Meeting

The Association's 2020 AGM was notified to be held at 10.30 am, Saturday 16th May 2020 at Bramshaw Village Hall, SO43 7JE, but was postponed because of the Coronavirus pandemic. We had hoped to hold it later during the year, but this was not possible because of the continuing restrictions on meetings as Covid19 continued. Consequently, the Charity Commission has assured charities that in these circumstances it is admissible for charities to find alternative means of holding their AGMs.

According to our Constitution the minimum business for the AGM is to:

- Approve the Minutes of the previous AGM
- Receive and adopt the Trustees Annual Report
- Receive the Treasurer's Report and adopt the Annual Accounts
- Appoint the Independent Accounts Examiner (Alan Hamilton has been nominated)
- Consider duly made resolutions (There are no resolutions)
- Elect Trustees (there are no nominations for election)
- Elect Advisory Council Members (David Humbert, Keith Howe and Ann Sevier are due to retire and have been nominated to stand for re-election. Tara Dempsey and Russell Wynn have been nominated to stand for election)
- Elect Officers (Nominations are Chair: John Ward; Vice Chair: Gale Pettifer; Honorary Secretary: Vacant; Honorary Treasurer: Brandy Gill)
Elect President (President: Professor Matthew Kelly has been nominated)
- Elect Vice Presidents (Oliver Crosthwaite Eyre and Peter Frost have been nominated)

The New Forest Association Annual General Meeting will now be held online with 22-01-2021 as the nominal date

With the following arrangements:

- The Minutes of the 2019 AGM, Annual Report of Trustees, and Treasurer's Report were published in Issue No.8 Spring/summer 2020 of the Association magazine 'Forest Matters' and were sent to all members and are available on the Association's website.
- The Annual Accounts have been provisionally submitted to the Charity Commission and are available on the Association's website
- Voting by members may be made by returning a paper voting form or by voting online on the Association's website, to be received by 22-01-2021. All voting will be by proxy, i.e. members instruct the chairman how to vote. All current members have been notified of the AGM and provided with a paper voting form or access to the online voting form.
- Members may send Comments or Questions (Including the full name of the member) to Trustees and members of the Advisory Council by email to secretary@friendsofthenewforest.org, to be received by 05-01-21. These will be collated and published together with answers on the Association's website by 15-01-2021.
- Votes will be counted and the results posted on the Association's website by 30-01-2021.