



# Phoenixsingers

## Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting

September 26, 2018

Sir Robert Hitcham Primary School, Framlingham at 7.00 pm

Present:

Giles Pebody (Chairman), Peter Moorhouse (Vice Chairman), Barbara Howard (Secretary), Gill Clare (Treasurer), and more than 30 Members.

1. The Chairman welcomed Members to the Annual General Meeting of The Society.

Apologies for absence were received from:

- i. Polly Mander
- ii. Geraldine Smith
- iii. Katie Boulton
- iv. Tim Barker
- v. Sue Jack
- vi. Philip Hall

2. The Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting, held on Wednesday September 27th 2017 had been published on the website after the meeting and circulated with the papers.

They were accepted *nem con* as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. Giles Pebody had completed his second term as Chair and was not eligible for re-election to that office.

William Glasse was elected as the new chair.

*Proposed: Barbara Howard  
Seconded: Susan Moyle*

4. Gill Clare had completed a second term as treasurer and was not able to serve again.

Keith Barton was elected as Treasurer.

*Proposed: William Glasse  
Seconded: Pauline*

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- 5. Giles Pebody Gill Clare and Peter Moorhouse had all come to an end of their term of office but had said they were willing to continue as members of the committee and were all elected for a three-year term. Peter had been proposed to continue as vice chair.

*Proposed: William Glasse  
Seconded: Pauline Cobley*

- 6. Judith Russell had completed her term of office and said she did not wish to stand again.
- 7. Janet Lansdale had also indicated that she wished to stand down from the committee after four years of service. William Glasse thanked Janet for her contribution to the running of the choir.
- 8. The Chairman's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. In it he also referred to and thanked both Judith and Janet. There were no questions. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.  
William Glasse proposed a vote of thanks, which he had written previously, outlining the work that Giles had put in during his 6-year period as Chair.

“There are a few moments in life that are engraved on memory. One such is a telephone call on Good Friday in 2012 when Giles called me to discuss difficulties being experienced in the management of Phoenix at the time. He was persuasive, and that call led to my continuing for five further years as Secretary. Giles and I are very different in the way we think and work, which is why I can easily see his strengths.

That initial call in 2012 told me that Giles is not a person who likes to be told that failure is inevitable or that difficult situations cannot be turned around. The following six years have seen our Chair giving us significant leadership and allowing us to see his qualities, which I see as being, at least:

- Determination to see Phoenix Singers succeed and provide pleasure for singers and listeners alike
- A vision for broad directional change when it is required
- Flair for artwork and presentational skills that have enhanced our advertising and concert programmes
- Integrity concerning the way the Charity is run
- Enthusiasm for the concept of the Community Choir, accessible to people of varying abilities



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Not all our members will be aware of all Giles did for us, especially initially when times were hard. We owe him a large debt of gratitude and a significant vote of thanks."

9. The Musical Director Geoff Lavery, who will also be an ex officio member of the main committee had circulated his thoughts on the future of the choir prior to the meeting and spoke briefly to this report. He also paid tribute to Judith and her late husband Malcolm, the founder of the choir, for their vision of a community choir so many years ago and all their amazing commitment and hard work to fulfil this vision. There were no questions.

10. The Treasurer's report and Annual Accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting. The treasurer spoke to her report and the accounts had been independently examined and approved. There were no questions. The accounts were approved.

Proposed: Giles Pebody  
Seconded: Stephanie

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11. William Glasse proposed a vote of thanks to Gill for her tireless and unstinting efforts on behalf of the choir during her 6-year term as Treasurer. The following had been written by Peter Moorhouse.

"On behalf of the choir, your Committee would like to give huge thanks to Gill for her tireless, unstinting work to support and help grow the Phoenix Singers as treasurer over the last six years. The treasurer role can be a thankless and unheralded task and whilst we hope that Gill has noted the choirs' thanks over her tenure, here is an extra big THANK YOU! In addition to huge diligence and persistence as treasurer, Gill has presided over strong growth in our cash reserves which has helped strengthen our musical offering, pay for our excellent conductors, accompanists, soloists and orchestras - all whilst keeping a very keen eye on our running costs. Gill has also played a big part in driving the Firebirds initiative, our charity and study singing days, growing membership and welcoming new members - as well as being a key member of the alto section! A huge contribution - so huge thanks in return, Gill!"

12. Provisional date of next AGM meeting: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019.



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Signed.....(Chairman)

Date.....