

Christchurch Harbour Ornithological Group



**Minutes of the Sixty-Third Annual General Meeting
of the Christchurch Harbour Ornithological Group
held on Wednesday 13th March 2019
at 7:30pm in St. Nicholas Church Hall, Bournemouth.**

Present: Chris Chapleo, Mark Andrews, Ed Brett, Richard Cordery, Roger Howell, Greg Lambe, Leo Pyke, David Taylor and 18 members.

1. Apologies

Ali Germain, Alan Crockard and Chris Keats

2. Approval of Minutes of 2018 AGM

These had been posted on website since mid-February. The minutes were accepted.

Proposed: Greg Lambe
Seconded: Leo Pyke

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented a summary of the full report that will appear in the Birds of Christchurch Harbour 2018. This included mention that the Birds of Christchurch Harbour 2018 will be the 60th edition.

4. Treasurer's Report

The accounts had been posted on website since early March.

The accounts were stated on a cash basis for the calendar year 2017 with a comparison to calendar year 2016.

The accounts were summarised as:

Income:	£8,116.46
Expenditure:	£2,888.27
Surplus/(Deficit):	£5,228.19

The Opening Balance for the accounting period was £4,939.11 and the Closing Balance £10,167.30.

The Treasurer explained that as the income now exceeded £5,000 the group could apply for full charitable status and that process was underway

The accounts for 2018 were accepted.

Proposed: Colin Raymond
Seconded: Steve Cottell

5. Summary of the Ornithological Year

The full review will appear in The Birds of Christchurch Harbour 2017, but Chris Chapleo presented a summary provided by Ian Southworth. This included

- 203 species were recorded in 2018, which is the poorest ever.
- The all-time harbour list increased to 327 species following acceptance by the BBRC of the 2018 Stilt Sandpiper.

6. Ringing Report

The full report will appear in The Birds of Christchurch Harbour 2018, but the Ringing Secretary, Ed Brett, presented following summary:

- 594 new birds of 19 species were ringed during 2018.
- Milestones of 2500 Yellow Wagtail, 1500 Whitethroat and 1000 Dunnock had been reached
- The number of species ringed increased to 123 with a Lesser Black-backed Gull.

7. Election of Officers

Nominations for all posts were invited by the Chairman. Single nominations had previously been received for each post and these were elected as follows.

Chairman: Chris Chapleo

Proposed: Greg Lambe
Seconded: Leo Pyke

Treasurer: Mark Andrews

Proposed: Steve Simmonds
Seconded: Roger Howell

Secretary: David Taylor

Proposed: Alan Hayden
Seconded: Dave Masser

The rest of the Committee was elected en bloc.

Vice-Chairman:	Mark Andrews
Membership Secretary:	Ian Southworth
Recorder:	Olly Frampton
Report Editor:	Leo Pyke
Ringling Secretary:	Ed Brett
Website:	David Taylor
Indoor Meetings:	Greg Lambe
Outdoor Meetings:	Nick Whitehouse
Publicity & Promotions:	Alison Germain
Stanpit Marsh Representative:	David Taylor
Hengistbury Head Representative:	Richard Cordery (co-opted onto Committee during 2018)
Report Distribution:	Roger Howell
Conservation:	Trevor Warrick

Proposed: Colin Raymond
Seconded: Steve Cottell

Welcome was given to new Committee member, Richard Cordery.

The Chairman also stressed the group is always looking for new Committee members.

8. Any Other Business

Dave Masser informed he would no longer be able to assist with postage of the Birds of Christchurch Harbour. The Chairman thanked him for his help in previous years.

A question came from the floor enquiring if the group were concerned about dogs from the proposed Two Riversmeet park causing issues on Stanpit Marsh. The Secretary explained the adjacent recreation ground was already a designated dog-walking area and there was little disturbance from that. Coupled with the plans to improve fencing around Priory Marsh, it was felt there was no need for concern.

9. Close of Meeting

Meeting closed at 7:50pm

Approved by Chairman

Signed.....

Print Name: Chris Chapleo

Date.....