

Minutes of Central England Area Quaker Meeting held by Video Conference 13th May 2020

Clerk: Helen Rowlands
Assistant clerk: Alison Ironside

Elders on duty: no Elders were named as on duty but several were present in the meeting.

2020.026 Meeting Electronically

Our planned April meeting was cancelled due to the national prohibition on meeting face-to-face because of the Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic. We have used the procedures envisaged by AM minute (2017.059 and 067 refer) to call this online meeting and some 47 Friends have met today using video technology for the first time.

We opened the meeting in worship.

2020.027 Representatives

The role-holders required for an interim area meeting are all present.

The following meetings were represented here today:

B&R; BOU; BUL; COT; COV; HAL; HAR; SEL; SOL; STO; SUT; WAL; WAR;

The clerks have given permission for the following attenders to join us today:
Robert Sprake (B&R), Pete Doubtfire (BUL),

2020.028 Membership Matters

Deaths

We record the deaths of the following Friends:

- Ann Marshall (B&R) on 8th March 2020, aged 91
- Ruth Rowley (WAL) on 14th April 2020, aged 96
- Rosemary Ellis (WAR) on 2nd May 2020, aged 85
- Leslie Steed (BOU) on 7th May 2020, aged 101

2020.029 Triennial Elders and Overseers Appointments Process

We have received a recommendation from the Clerks of the Triennial Nominations Committee that our 2020 nominations process should be deferred for 12 months, due to the difficulty of meeting under the current 'lockdown' conditions.

We agree to extend the terms of service of all Friends currently serving in eldership and oversight roles until the end of December 2021. Any individuals needing to seek release from service sooner than that date should make this known and replacements should be nominated to a future Area Meeting using the existing interim procedure.

We agree to this proposal.

2020.030 Nominations and Appointments

We have received the following recommendations from our Nominations Committee:

- Area Meeting Nominations Co-Clerk: Ruth Livermore (KIN) to serve from June 2020 – Dec 2022
- Area Meeting Trustees Property Committee: Claire Peat (SEL) to serve a 2nd triennium from Jun 2020 – Jun 2023
- Area Meeting Trustees Property Committee: Judith Jenner (COT) to serve a 2nd triennium from Jun 2020 – Jun 2023
- Area Meeting Trustees Finance Committee: Claire Bowman (BOU) to serve a 2nd triennium from Jun 2020 – Jun 2023
- Old People's Fund Trust: Sarah Evans (COT) to serve a 3rd triennium from March 2020 – March 2023
- Outreach Committee: Barbara Norden (HAL) to serve a 1st triennium from Jun 2020 – June 2023
- Quaker Christmas Parcels Appeals Committee: Howard Saunders (BOU) to serve from Mar 2020 – Mar 2023
- Quaker Christmas Parcels Appeals Committee: Nicholas Ronan (STO) to serve from Mar 2020 – Mar 2023
- Priory Rooms (Bull Street) Ltd: Peter Ullathorne (COT) and Huw Davies (HAL), both to continue for 1 year from Apr 2020 as an interim measure
- Woodlands Company Trustee / Management Committee: Richard Taylor (BOU) to continue for 1 year from April 2020 as an interim measure
- Ackworth School – Representatives to Ackworth General Meeting: Janet Blann (COT) to serve from June 2020 – May 2023
- Ackworth School – Representatives to Ackworth General Meeting: Joy Aldworth (HAL) to serve from June 2020 – May 2023
- Climate Emergency Action Group co-clerks: Barnaby Waters (SEL) for Buildings; Ginnie Wollaston (STO) for Communities; Chris Martin (COT) for Cities

These names being acceptable, we appoint the named Friends accordingly. We are particularly thankful for those who have been willing to extend their service to ease our Nominations Committee's task under the current conditions.

Release from Service:

- Carol Rank (COV) from WMQPEP.

We release our Friend with gratitude for her service.

2020.031 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Saturday June 13th at 2pm at Cotteridge Meeting House. It seems very unlikely that this can take place in its normal form. The clerks will make a decision about how to conduct the meeting and inform Friends in good time.

Signed:

Helen Rowlands (Clerk this time)