

MINUTES

For the 2021 Annual General Meeting

of the

Daventry Constituency Conservative Association

Friday 19th March 2021, 7.30pm on ZOOM.

1. President's opening remarks

Michael Orton-Jones welcomed members and thanked them for taking the time this evening to join us for another ZOOM meeting. He informed members this meeting will be recorded for the purpose of the minutes then deleted. Michael said a few words and held a minutes silence for the members we have lost this year including: Shirley Gina King, Hugh Adams & David Nevison-Andrews.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Chris Millar, Wendy Amos, Sandra Russell & Mike Essery.

3. To approve the minutes of 2020 Annual General Meeting

These were accepted as a true record – Proposed by Wayne Howard. Seconded by Daniel Lister. All agreed

4. To receive and adopt a report on the work of the Association for the year ended 31st December 2020, from the Constituency Chairman, Mr John Stephenson.

Chairman's report was circulated to members and available on our website.

John thanked members of the Management Committee for their support over the last few years. He thanked all members who had supported/hosted online events throughout the year and given up their time to attend the ZOOM meetings. John specifically wanted to thank Amy for all her work, support and guidance not only for past year but since starting in 2019 quoting 'I couldn't do it without you'. The report was proposed by Rob Chamberlain and seconded by Wayne Howard.

5. To receive and adopt the audited or certificated accounts for 1 January to 31 December 2020

The accounts were available on the Association website and circulated by email.

Amy shared the accounts on the night via the zoom software.

No concerns to report. This was Proposed by Wayne Howard and Seconded by Clive Brown. All agreed

6. To appoint an independent verifier for the 2021 accounts

John Stephenson reported that Aileen Major had kindly volunteered to certify the accounts for us this year. This was proposed by John Stephenson and seconded by Wayne Howard. All agreed.

7. To elect honorary positions for 2021/22:

a. President – Mr Michael Orton-Jones

The present Vice-Presidents are: Lord Boswell of Aynho, Lady Morton, Mr Brian Price, Cllr Cecile Irving-Swift, Alan Hills, Mrs Anne Donaldson.

There being no further recommendations these were elected en bloc, proposed by Adam Brown, seconded by Clive Brown. All agreed.

b. Vice Presidents would like to go forward to the Executive Council. Rules require us to conduct a secret ballot which took place using the zoom poll software. The vote was unanimous.

8. To elect the Officers for 2021/22:

- a. Chairman – Mr Rob Chamberlain
Proposed by Richard Auger and seconded by Adam Brown - there being no further nominations, Rob was declared elected.
- b. Deputy Chairman Membership – Mr Clive Brown
Proposed by Michael Orton-Jones and seconded by John Stephenson - there being no further nominations, Clive was declared elected.
- c. Deputy Chairman Political – Mr Daniel Lister
Proposed by Wayne Howard and seconded by Hannah Matten - there being no further nominations, Daniel was declared elected.
- d. Hon Treasurer – Mr John Stephenson
Proposed by Daniel Lister and seconded by Rob Chamberlain - there being no further nominations, John was declared elected.

9. Address by Member of Parliament – Mr Chris Heaton-Harris MP

Chris updated the members on his Parliamentary work over the last year, a written report was circulated via email and on the website. He also particularly thanked John Stephenson for his time as Chairman and the Association Officers for all their hard work over the last year. Chris then took 10 minutes of questions from the members.

10. Closure of the meeting – 9pm