

# ***Crowhurst & District Horticultural Society***

## ***Annual General Meeting - Minutes***

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 7:30pm – Crowhurst Village Hall

### **1. Members present**

Mary Boorman, Alan Humphrey, Oliver Boorman-Humphrey, Bob and Margaret Clifford, Bruce and Margaret Cripps, Tom Masters, Fern Burgess, Rita Gower, Ann Cornwall, Jane Molyneux.

### **2. Apologies for absence**

Frankie Gale and Ben Woods, Tim and Penny Knaggs, Shirley Masters, Rose Cooper, Tracey Docksey, Kerry Weller, David Gower, Jeff Cornwall

### **3. Minutes of the last AGM**

Provided to attendees.

#### **a. Matters arising from the minutes**

None.

### **4. Chairman's Report**

Given by Mary Boorman

### **5. Treasurer's Report**

Alan reported that the society finances remained in a sound state although in the last year, the society had made a small loss due to increased expenditure, predominantly on speakers for talks.

#### **a. Presentation of accounts**

As of 29th August 2025, accounts were:

Bank: £ 4057.00

Cash: £ 998.45

**Total: £ 5055.45**

***Down £247.47 on 2024***

#### **b. Auditors**

Agreed to continue with Tracey Docksey as auditor. Alan thanked Tracey for her continued support.

### **6. Reports from Committee Members**

#### **a. Show Secretary Report**

Given by Oliver.

### **7. Election of Officer's**

#### **a. President**

Position remains vacant. Mary will continue to search for a replacement with John Feltwell proposed as an ideal candidate if he was willing to take it on.

#### **b. Chairman**

Mary Boorman

Proposed: Margaret Clifford

Seconded: Ann Cornwall

#### **c. Show Secretary**

Oliver Boorman-Humphrey

Proposed: Rita Gower

Seconded: Tom Masters

#### **d. Treasurer**

Alan Humphrey

Proposed: Bob Clifford

Seconded: Bruce Cripps

#### **e. Membership Secretary**

Alan Humphrey

Proposed: Bob Clifford

Seconded: Bruce Cripps

### **8. Election of Committee**

#### **a. Honey Bee Representative**

Fern Burgess

Proposed: Mary Boorman

Seconded: Tom Masters

### **9. Shows & Events**

#### **a. Christmas Quiz**

Oliver raised that the society had not held it's annual Christmas Quiz night for several years due to limited demand. He asked whether there was any interest in the event being held this year and several members indicated interest in attending. A date of 22<sup>nd</sup> November and wine and cheese format was proposed and accepted. Fern Burgess suggested having a best dressed table competition as she had seen this done elsewhere. Mary responded that we already had the best festive hat

competition which the floor agreed was fun, so we will retain that for now. Rita Gower suggested contacting Steve Royston to advertise the event and ensuring it gets listed in the Crowhurst News events page. Oliver will arrange the Quiz and Mary encouraged all to have a fun time and produce a wonderful hat to wear on the night.

**b. AGM**

The floor discussed the move of the AGM this year to August and back to the Village Hall given it had appeared to work well and resulted in more members attending. Oliver asked the floor whether members would be happy if the date of the AGM was permanently moved to August and the Hall, which members agreed.

**c. Outings and Visits**

Mary asked for any feedback or ideas regards outings and visit. Margaret Clifford said she and Bob had really enjoyed the recent visits and would welcome similar ones in future. Other members indicated they would have liked to attend but had been available on the relevant days. Mary indicated that she was attempting to arrange a visit to Rotherview Nursery when they are preparing one of their show gardens. The floor accepted that Tuesday outings worked well although it maybe a good idea to mix in one Wednesday instead to give people alternative days.

**10. Subscriptions**

**a. Proposed freeze at £5 per year**

Mary proposed keeping subscriptions at £5 per person per year. Agreed by the floor.

**11. Any other business**

**a. Raffles**

Rita suggested reducing the number of raffle prizes at events to 4 or 5 and focussing on higher quality/more interesting prizes. She also proposed asking local businesses such as Blackbrooks for donations – maybe a gift voucher. Mary agreed that the number of prizes should be reduced and will endeavor to source more interesting prizes.

**b. Jumble Sales**

Ann raised that she would like emails/communications after jumble sales to include the amount of money raised as this is not typically communicated to those who helped out. Mary noted this was usually because the counting of all the loose change takes some time after the events, but she will work with Alan to get this information provided.

**c. Trophy Engraving**

Alan reported that the new process of the society engraving show trophies instead of them being presented to the winners was working well. This has avoided any issues of the trophies getting lost. The floor agreed this should continue.

**Close of Meeting : 8:15pm**