

Friends of Goldsworth Annual General Meeting

Thursday 20 October 2022 at 7.30pm via at Goldsworth Primary School and via Microsoft Teams

In person attendees: Helen Smith (HS, Chair), Rachel Turner (RT, Treasurer), Caroline McLennan (Headteacher and Trustee), Ben Funning (BF, Secretary), Tara Doyle (TD), Victoria Clunis (VC), Joh Carter (JC) and Jon Heffer.

Online attendees: Lucy Hoggett, Adele Bowler, Angela Gray, Diane Campbell, Natalie McGuinness, Stefania Trovato, Stanley Cheung, Iltat Davies, Sarah, Tracy Ramla Shiraz, Nicky S, NN.

1. Welcome and introduction (HS)

HS welcomed the attendees and highlighted that as a charity, the Friends of Goldsworth needs to hold an AGM.

2. Apologies (HS)

No apologies were received

3. Minutes of last AGM (HS)

The minutes were agreed on the basis that they were published on the Friends of Goldsworth website, announced and no comments have been raised

4. Matters arising from last AGM (HS)

There were no matters arising from the last AGM

5. Adoption of new constitution (HS)

HS highlighted that the constitution outlines how the charity operates. The Friends uses a model constitution from the national PTA organisation called Parentkind. The model constitution is updated every few years – this one allows hybrid meetings and has been available to review for three weeks on the Friends of Goldsworth website. The new constitution was adopted unanimously.

6. Chair's report of preceding year (HS)

HS said a lot of fantastic things have happened over the past year, raising £23,800 for Friends of Goldsworth. She said that after a few years of restrictions, it was great to see so many fundraisers back on.

HS talked about how the events bring families together, and its all thanks to the volunteers – from event organisers to class reps and all the people who help out on the day.

She also thanked the local businesses who supply prizes – even after the past few tough years. That means the school community can support those businesses back.

HS thanked the trustees – Rachel Turner who's been treasurer for eight or nine years and is standing down, Ben Funning who's been secretary for three years, and Alex Armani who's standing down as vice chair after one year, and Caroline McLennan who's the school trustee.

RT thanked HS for her time as chair for the last five years and said £95,000 has been raised for the school over that period. Also £94,000 has been spent.

HS highlighted some of the various events which have taken place over the last year, including the Divali fireworks, Christmas events, Summer fayre and the Legoland fundraisers.

7. Treasurer's summary report (RT)

RT said that £23,854 was raised in 2021/22, with £12,944 funding provided, and there's also £16,283 committed for 2022/23.

8. Appointment of the independent examiner (RT)

Alison Sanderson was appointed by to be the independent examiner.

9. Election of committee (HS)

Co-chair: Tara Doyle was proposed by HS and seconded by RT

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Treasurer: Joh Carter was proposed by RT and seconded by HS

Secretary: Ben Funning was proposed by RT and seconded by VC

Comms lead: Daniela Crosby was proposed by BF and seconded by TD

Events trustee: Lucy Hoggett was proposed by RT and seconded by HS.

There were no nominations for vice chair.

10. AOB

JC asked if any funding requests have been rejected. HS said that usually only requests are sent to the Friends which can be supported. And are often fully researched and costed. The Friends of Goldsworth doesn't support staffing costs (although has agreed to supply teacher costs, if needed to allow Friends- funded projects to progress), and it does not pay for building maintenance projects.

HS concluded the meeting, and her time as chair, by highlighting all the benefits of being part of the PTA, including getting a better understanding of the workings of the school and being a part of bringing people together.