



# The Old Southendian Association

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*Sustaining Friendships...*

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Old Southendian Association  
held at The Southendian Club, Garon Park, Southend on Sea,  
on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 commencing at 7.50 pm.**

*Those Present:*

Clive Shiret (Chair)	Robin Bevan	Ken Carter	Dan Garside
Graham Glover	Colin Hodges	Trevor Johnson	Geoff Kittle
Kevin Leigh	Richard Olson	Chris Sorrell	Keith Spenceley
Martin Stansfield	Joe Zammit		

<b>Item</b>	<b>Minute</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> had been received from Robin Baker, Bob Craven, Simon Darby, John Goodman, Claire Kirkland, Kerry Martin, Geoff May, Andy Smithson and Gerald Usher.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016:</b> With two minor amendments, the same were approved on a proposal by Joe Zammit, seconded by Graham Glover and signed by the Chairman.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016:</b> There were none.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Chairman's Report:</b>	
4.1	The Report by Clive Shiret appeared in the 2017 Magazine.	
4.2	Clive said that one of the Association's achievements this year had been the "bursaries" that it had granted to various departments of the School. He expressed his thanks to Martin Stansfield for co-ordinating the bids and ensuring that the benefitting departments reported in the Magazine how they had utilised the grants awarded.	
4.2	He highlighted the work of the Organ Society, especially of Joe Zammit and Gerald Usher, in masterminding not only the rebuilding of the School Organ, but the fundraising to enable the rebuilding to go ahead. It had been a magnificent team effort involving professional organ builders, volunteers, students and indeed the support of the School.	
4.3	The Archive Project was now gaining momentum and five interviews had been completed thus far. More interviews were planned for which the scripts had been written, including that of Cliff Wyatt, the only person left alive who had met all seven of the School's Heads. The next stage was the filming of a Veterans' Lunch at the School. The plan was to show the finished audio-visual archive in School and around the Borough and the local area.	
4.4	Clive concluded by thanking all of the Executive Committee for their time and their efforts.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report:</b>	
5.1	The Report by Dan Garside on the financial position of the Association appeared in the 2017 Magazine. Some £3,400 of a previously reported £4,000 advertising debt regarding the Magazine had been collected. Some £400 was likely to be recovered, leaving a bad debt of around £200. There had been a saving of some £900 on the costs of the Magazine this year. The Association had a regular income of around £9,000 which allowed it to cover the costs of the Magazine and make the bursaries to the School.	
5.2	Dan confirmed that he was happy to recommend the Accounts for the year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017 to the Meeting. The same were adopted on a proposal by Colin Hodges, seconded by Martin Stansfield. The Meeting recorded a vote of thanks to Dan for his efforts as Treasurer.	

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for the benefit of past, present and future Southendians"*

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<b>6.0</b>	<b>Report of Sub Committees, the School, the Clubs and the Affiliated Organisations:</b>	
6.1	The Reports were all included in the 2017 Magazine, but additional matters were reported.	
6.2	<i>The School:</i> Robin Bevan confirmed that the Report in the Magazine celebrated the extraordinary range of successes enjoyed by the School across all areas. He advised that the New Hitchcock Library Building would be ready in early 2018. He said that funding was still a massive challenge facing the School but was extremely appreciative of the contributions of the Association.	
6.3	<i>Organ Society/Arts Club:</i> Joe Zammit asked the Meeting to note the following dates: 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2017 at 7.00 pm: Arts' Club Musical Evening at Garon Park 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7.00 pm: Adrian Lucas plays the Rebuilt Organ Warren Symes was also looking to arrange an opportunity to hear the rebuilt organ in around March 2018; details awaited.	
6.4	<i>Football Club:</i> Clive was hopeful that the planning permission for the 3G pitch would be granted soon. The season had started well for the Club and it was hoped that the better facilities at Garon Park would bring success.	
6.5	<i>Cricket Club:</i> Chris Sorrell reported that the Club had enjoyed a good season. Essex County Cricket Club were no longer using Garon Park and the Garon Park Community Interest Company (with the generous support of EASST) had now employed the Groundsman. Clive added that the Old Southendian football and cricket clubs were but part of the picture at Garon Park and there were plans to enhance the facilities still further in 2018, develop a wedding/event venue and hold a number of large music events.	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>The Election of Officers, the Executive Committee and the Honorary Auditor:</b>	
7.1	The Meeting approved the appointment of the following Officers: # Chairman (of the Executive Committee)* Clive Shiret President (until 31 December 2017)* Graham Glover President (with effect from 01 January 2018)* Kevin Leigh Immediate Past President (until 31 December 2017) Martin Stansfield Immediate Past President (with effect from 01 January 2018)* Graham Glover President Designate (until 31 December 2017)* Kevin Leigh President Designate (with effect from 01 January 2018)* Chris Sorrell Treasurer* Dan Garside Secretary* Keith Spenceley Registrar* Geoff May Legal Adviser* Kevin Leigh Publications Officer* Chris Sorrell # serving as Executive Committee Chairman from the 2016 AGM until the 2019 AGM.	
7.2	In addition to the Officers marked*, all of whom are ex officio, the following were elected to the Executive Committee until the 2018 AGM: Ken Carter, Richard Cox, Simon Darby, Robert Johnston, Geoff Kittle, Kerry Martin, Martin Stansfield, Gerald Usher, Graham Winckless and Joe Zammit.	
7.3	Graham Glover, on behalf of the Succession Sub-Committee, proposed that Chris Sorrell be President Designate for 2018 and therefore OSA President in 2019. The proposal was seconded by Ken Carter and approved by the Meeting.	
7.4	Executive Committee representatives from the Affiliated Organisations are advised as: Cricket Club - Chris Sorrell Football Club - Clive Shiret Hockey Club - Andy Smithson Organ Society - Joe Zammit	
7.5	Paul East of Wilkins Kennedy will be asked to continue as Honorary Auditor.	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Date of the next Annual General Meeting:</b> The Meeting agreed that the date should be Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2018, with the time and venue to be advised.	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Any Other Competent Business:</b> There being none, the Meeting closed at 8.36 pm.	

**Keith Spenceley, General Secretary.**  
**15<sup>th</sup> November 2017.**