

## Minutes of the 2016 AGM of the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society held 9 March 2016 at Salford Diocesan Archives

**Present:** The President and 15 members

**Apologies:** John Borrow, Steve Collins, Alan Crosby, Bob Dobson, Margaret Edwards, Julia Faulkner, Dora Rayson, Roy Westall

**Minutes of the previous meeting** of 24 March 2015 were accepted as a correct record.

**Matters arising:** Morris Garratt reported membership figures of 110 personal members and 65 institutional members. We have to provide 5 legal deposit copies, 7 exchange copies and 4 courtesy copies which means at least 191 copies of the *Transactions* have to be printed. Membership figures are declining, including institutional members.

**Subscription rates:** will remain the same (Individuals £18, joint membership £23, institutional members £22, students £7)

**Revised constitution:** Robert Stansfield reported that there are a few simplifications to be made but the new constitution should be available shortly

**Annual report:** The report was circulated and Diana Winterbotham moved that it be accepted.

**Treasurer's report:** Alan Rose reported that at the year end of 31 December 2015 there was £10,000 invested in an account which gained interest, £8949 in the COIF account and £4764 in the current account, making a total of £23,713. The next volume of transactions has been paid for in advance. Alan noted the decline of paying members.

**Transactions report:** Morris reported in the absence of Steve Collins that we have changed printers and have received the proofs of Volume 109 which are being checked. It is hoped that this volume will be out by midsummer.

**Election of officers:**

### OFFICERS AND COUNCILLORS 2016

#### OFFICERS

President	Michael Powell
Honorary Secretary	Alice Lock
Honorary Treasurer/Membership Secretary	Morris Garratt
Editor, Transactions	Steve Collins
Vice Presidents	Eric Foster, Alan Rose, Evelyn Vigeon, Diana Winterbotham

#### COUNCILLORS (6)

**Charles Walker (2018)**

**Robert Stansfield (2018)**

**Geoff Higgins (2018)**

**Margaret Edwards (2016)**

**David Lannon (2017)**

**Roy Westall (2017)**

**WEBSITE CONSULTANT**

**David French**

The officers were elected en bloc, but it was noted that new Council members are needed. Alan will find a new auditor. Morris was thanked for his four years very productive service as President as Michael Powell took over.

**AOB:** Morris had circulated a document suggesting visits to Avro Heritage Museum, Bramall Hall and Norton Priory. He added further suggestions of the Phillips Park Exhibition at Manchester Central Library and the British Library at Boston Spa. Other suggestions were Wardley Hall, Townley Hall, Gawthorpe Hall, Lancashire Archives, Manchester Grammar School Archives, the Irish Centre and Whitworth Art Gallery. Irish history was suggested as a possibility for a day school.