

THE FRIENDS OF OLD PORTSMOUTH ASSOCIATION

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## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held at Pembroke Gardens Bowling Club  
Tuesday 31st March 2026, 7.30 pm

The meeting was chaired by Gail Baird with attendance from 6 other committee members, 28 members, 1 speaker + guest; 37 in total.

### Committee Present:

Gail Baird (Chair and Website), Anna Koor (Secretary), Eileen Measey (Environment), Sharon Morris (Planning, Heritage & Conservation), Bob Stewart (Spice Island), Mike Dobson (Traffic), Bob Nield (Acting Treasurer).

### 1. Chair's Opening Remarks

Gail explained the order of business, timings and that questions would be welcome once AGM business is completed. There follows a 30 minute talk plus Q&A by speaker John J J Marshallsay. She explained that the Annual Review is available as a PDF, or a link on the FOOPA website, if members do not want a print version. She welcomed anyone to take an extra copy to share with new neighbours who may be interested in joining FOOPA.

Gail introduced all the committee members as above, and also Ann Wakelin who would like to continue working on the committee in an environmental role. She also referenced Eileen's team's work at Grand Parade and encouraged any members to join in weekly gardening activities on a Monday morning. Finally, she introduced members to Bob Nield who has offered to be FOOPA's new treasurer and hopes that he will be endorsed by members this evening. She also announced vacancies for the committee posts of: Membership, Heritage and Social Secretary, requesting any volunteers to come forward.

### 2. Apologies

Anna thanked the following members who sent their apologies: Myra Allen, Janis Loose, Jane Jackson, Miles and Gillian Linington, Angus Ross, Liz Winder, Tony Poynton, Terry Henderson, Ann Wakelin, Terry and Andy Halloran.

### 3. Approval of Draft Minutes AGM 2025

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the previous AGM held at Pembroke Bowls Club on 27 March 2025. There was a show of hands and this was carried.

### 4. Matters Arising – None.

### 5. Election of Officers and Executive Committee

**Executive Committee** – Gail handed over proceedings to Mike Dobson who asked Gail Baird (Chair, Website, Membership) and Anna Koor (Secretary) to step down from their executive roles in order to be re-elected. Mike asked Gail and Anna if they would like to be re-elected, both agreed. He asked for any contenders, none forthcoming. He asked for a proposer and seconder for each post: proposer - Graeme Swinburne, seconder - Ken Bailey. Approval was confirmed with a show of hands. Mike introduced Bob Nield and emphasised how fortunate it is that FOOPA has his expertise as Treasurer. He asked for any contenders, none forthcoming. He asked for a proposer and seconder for Bob Nield. Proposer: Arlene Kennedy, seconder: Mary McDermott. Approval was confirmed with a unanimous show of hands.

**Other Officers** – Mike handed proceedings back to Gail, who asked existing officers: Mike Dobson (Traffic), Bob Stewart (Spice Island), Sharon Morris (Planning, Heritage & Conservation), Eileen Measey (Environment) and Ann Wakelin (Environment) to step down. Gail asked for any volunteers to contend their places, none forthcoming. She asked for a proposer and seconder for all 5 posts. Proposer: Helen Swann, seconder: Alistair Wilson. All posts were confirmed with a show of hands.

6. **Any Other Business - None.**

7. **Date of next meeting:** To be confirmed by the Chair.