THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD OF BELL RINGERS

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held at St Peter & St Paul, Blockley on Saturday 17th October 2026

Present

Officers & Committee:

Richard Lewis-Skeath (President), Alison Lee (Ringing Master), Michael Dane (Vice President), Len Morely (Guild Master) Sarah Elliott (Treasurer) Graham Lee, Stuart Cummings, Lena Stranks and other Guild members. Approx. 20 Guild members present.

The Guild Master chaired the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Claire Penny, Peter Quinn, Chris Povey, Yvonne Davies, Peter Harris, Alison Hodge and Jess McCarthy and others unable to attend.

2. Agree minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting had been published on the Guild website. The minutes of the 2025 AGM were agreed as a true record and signed by the President. Proposed by Richard Lewis-Skeath and seconded by Ray Nicholson.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

4. Reports

The Treasurer reported that the Guild remained in a healthy financial position. Membership currently stands at approximately 186 members. Members were encouraged to assist with grant applications. The Guild Master's report will be published in a future newsletter.

5. Election of President and Vice-Presidents

Richard Lewis-Skeath was re-elected President, proposed by Stuart Cummings and seconded by Michael Dane.

Chris Povey continued in office as Vice-President,

Michael Dane continued in office as Vice-President.

6. Election of Officers

Guild Master: Len Morley was re-elected. Ringing Master: Alison Lee was re-elected, proposed by Len Morley and seconded by Michael Dane. Secretary: Claire Penny stood down and Lena Stranks was elected, proposed by Len Morley and seconded by Claire Penny.

Treasurer: Sarah Elliott was re-elected, proposed by Alison Lee and seconded by Len Morley.

7. Election of Committee Members

Peter Quinn, Graham Lee, Stuart Cummings and Helen Sayers were elected to serve on the Committee. Helen Sayers was proposed by Len Morley and seconded by Kathy McCarthy.

8. Election of Accounts Examiner

Martin Penny was re-elected Accounts Examiner, proposed by Michael Dane and seconded by Richard Budd.

9. Confirmation of New Members since the 2025 AGM

Susan Clegg (Willersey);

Helen Burchell (Hook Norton);

Peter Nicholson (Unattached);

Annie Holden (Unattached).

10. Any Other Business

Stuart Cummings proposed a vote of thanks to Alison Lee for her work on the Guild newsletter and to Ray Nicholson for taking over as editor. A vote of thanks was also extended to Steve Bowley for playing the Organ for our Service.

There being no further business, the meeting closed.