

**FGSC  
AGM Minutes  
Sunday 28 January 2007 at 2.30pm  
West Walton Village Hall**

**Apologies for absence:**

Christine Ward, Paul Howe, Bob Lever

**Minutes of AGM Sunday 29 January 2006**

Approved and signed by acting Chairman.

**Matters arising from last meeting**

None arising

**Chairman's Report**

Last year.....a year we will all remember, the death of Keith our chairman and friend.

To all of us, but to use Kim's words, I am determined to carry on and stay here, as we should too.

Our membership is good and all the meetings and events have been well represented by you. To pick out any would be wrong, but for me were the outdoor events such as Julian's abattoir and Eddy Mears and his bed of nettles, but each of you will have your favourites too.

My age has a problem with the indoor meetings as many of you who have sat next to me or have given a talk know, I tend to listen with my eyes shut, but I did watch with intent Sandy Parkinson cutting up meat in November.

I would like to thank all the officers and committee for all their hard work over the past year, as we would not have such a thriving club with out you. A special thank you to Carol who has been catering secretary for all her hard work over the years.

I thank you for all your support on behalf of the committee and look forward to a good year ahead. Please share your ideas for the coming month's indoor meetings and I welcome any invitations to your holdings for the summer meetings.

Thank you

**Treasurer's Report**

Bank account balance	£211.39
Savings balance	£1,301.48
Cash	£57.71

Copies of the accounts were distributed to those present at the meeting. The treasurer explained in detail specific items of income and expenditure and was happy to answer any questions. The treasurer explained items of spending during 2006 and where savings could possibly be made during 2007, including renewal of adverts, membership to RBST and affiliation to the BGS. The treasurer expressed concern over the current cost of producing the magazine and the general running cost of the club. The treasurer voiced a suggestion of an increase to the annual subscription.

All the points raised created debate by the members present.  
Questions/Suggestions put forward during the debate include:

Reducing the number of magazines to 4 a year.  
What do we actually get from RBST & BGS?  
Increase of annual subscription to £15.00  
If cost of magazine outweighs income from membership then we must do something, savings mentioned would still not be enough.  
Reduction in printing costs researched?  
It was pointed out that the income from the adverts in the magazine had not been taken off the expenditure for producing the magazine.  
One member handed the Chairman a comparison of newsletter costs from 2003 – 2006.

In line with the constitution, it was ruled that any increase in membership subscription and affiliation to the BGS could not be decided on at this AGM as notification of proposed changes had not been lodged and published to all members prior to 1 November 2006.

The points are noted by the committee and will be discussed at forthcoming committee meetings.

The Treasurer offered the books for inspection to any member wishing to view them.

#### **Election of Officers**

Chairman	Tiff Hall
Vice Chairman	Shane Durston
Secretary	Emma Durston
Treasurer	Trixi Dix
Catering Secretary	Melissa Dudley
Newsletter Editor	Barbara Dobson

#### **Election of Committee Members**

Chairman read a letter submitted by Rachel Senior regarding her resignation from the committee.

Judith Hall  
Carol Matthews  
Tony Turk  
Tony Dudley  
Ian Dack  
Caroline Wilkinson

#### **Appoint Auditor for ensuing year**

Mrs Carol Draper has agreed to remain as auditor. There being no objections this was approved.

#### **Any Other Business**

The suggestion of the club printing the magazine was raised. The cost of buying a machine and the likely time involved of producing ourselves was explained. Some information was handed to the Chairman and the committee will review this at their next meeting.

The suggestion of issuing the magazine by e-mail was raised and a show of hands asked for to establish if it is worthwhile pursuing. There were approximately 50 members present at the AGM and almost half raised their hand. The committee is already investigating this as an option together with the re-launch of the FGSC website. Information will be published in future magazines.

One member suggested that the price of cakes and tea be increased from 20p for tea and cake, to 25p per item. All members present voted for an increase and came into force immediately.

There then followed a talk from Mick Matthews on seed potatoes. Examples of the various varieties were on display and there were potatoes for sale. Members asked questions and the Chairman was awarded a growing bag to nurture his potatoes for the produce show!

Thank you to Mick for an interesting and informative talk.