

OLD SHIRBURNIAN SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE 126th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OLD SHIRBURNIAN SOCIETY WAS HELD ON
SATURDAY 11 MAY 2024 on THE UPPER AT 3.30pm.

1. Introduction

OSS President Jeffrey Carey (b 71) welcomed those present.

9 members were present and 12 apologies for absence had been received.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 125th AGM, which have been posted on the Old Shirburnian Society Website (hard copies available to all members), were approved, and signed by the President.

3. Reports:

The 127th OS Record (circulated to all members in January 2024) carried the annual reports from:

The President

The Chairman

The Secretary

The Sherborne In the Community (SICC) Representative

The Trustees of the OS Charitable Trust have reported confidentially to the OS Executive Committee.

4. Questions for the Headmaster

The Headmaster assured the President that with the opening of the new sports hall the School was looking closely at Sport . The School has recently appointed a new member of the SLT to look at formulating a new strategy for Sport within the School. There has up until now been no strategy and this has allowed the uncontrolled expansion of football to the detriment of sports such as rugby, hockey, and cricket. The School is also advertising for a new Director of Rugby and a Strength and Conditioning Coach. They hope to recruit a recently retired professional rugby player or someone from a senior coaching role.

In answer to a question about the future of Westcott the Headmaster said that t the plans for Westcott were on hold at present. It has been deemed wise to await the result of the next General Election before committing to the refurbishment. However, the building has been empty for some time and is deteriorating so something will have to be done with it in the coming year. In addition the School is holding on to a substantial donation that was given for the refurbishment.

In answer to a question from Angus Cater the Headmaster affirmed that the Sherborne School Group as a whole was breaking even on operating costs. The Prep School, which would have been forced to close three years ago, if it hadn't merged with the School, is still operating at a loss but the deficit has been reduced from £1million last year to £250k this year. Sherborne International is once again making a profit and the commercial side of the School has recovered from the effects of Covid and is also once again generating additional revenue.

5. Accounts

To approve the accounts for both the OSS General Fund and the OSS Charitable Trust for the year ending 31 July 2023. All have previously been approved by the OSS Executive Committee and are posted on the OSS website for members to see. The Hon Treasurer Martin Humphrey (h 81) thanked the former Treasurer, Robin Brown (g 66) for his stewardship of the finances.

Proposed by Angus Cater

Seconded by Robin Brown

6. Any other business:

Angus Cater who had not been present at the Exec meeting asked about making the community more aware of the OSS Bursaries. He was told that this had been widely discussed at the earlier meeting.

There was no more business and Jeffrey Carey closed the AGM at 3.54pm

7. Date for the 126th AGM: 3.30pm in The Upper Marquee on, OS Day 2025.

John Harden OSS Secretary (May 2024)