

**MINUTES OF THE AGM OF THE WAREHAM CHORAL SOCIETY HELD IN THE URC CHURCH
AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2008**

PRESENT: Mike Lewis (Chair), Jennifer Haworth (Treasurer), Joan Willis (Secretary), Jack Haworth, John Astley, Richard Marchant, Jane Yard, Andrew Smetham (Music Director) and 40 choir members

1. Welcome: Mike Lewis welcomed all to the AGM and thanked them for coming.
2. Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Meg Wilkins, Peter Barker, Diane Jennings & Jac Westlake,
3. Minutes AGM - 8.9.07: Approved unanimously. Proposed that they should be adopted by Jane Randall seconded by Val Bartlett.
4. Matters arising & signing: There were no matters arising.
5. To formally accept the reports of the Chairman, Treasurer and Musical Director. Written copies of Chairman's and Treasurer were provided. Andrew thanked all members of the Committee for their untiring efforts and all members of the Choir for their continued support and hoped that they would continue to encourage more singers. He thanked Bev for his musicology. The Reports were accepted unanimously.
6. To formally accept the accounts for the year. Jennifer reported that there was nothing to add to the accounts. The amount received in Gift Aid pay back enabled the Choir to keep subscriptions at the present level for another year. Proposed that the accounts should be adopted by Jane Yard seconded by Jane Randall. Unanimously accepted
7. To elect the following officers:-
Chairman - Mike Lewis
Treasurer – Jennifer Haworth
Secretary – Joan Willis

It was proposed by Cynthia Davies and seconded by Sarah Welton that the existing officers should remain for a further term. Unanimously accepted.

8. To elect any additional committee members. Richard Marchant, Jack Haworth and John Astley remain on the Committee. There were no additional committee members elected.
9. AOB: Nancy Gibson put forward a question regarding the Guild. She felt it was a poor reflection on our choir that so few attended workshops and performances, they were missing out on the valuable experience of singing in a large concert hall with professional singers. They did not realise what they were missing. Swanage support was also poor. Richard Marchant reported that this had been discussed at the Guild and certainly the ticket sales and the price of tickets were cause for concern. This was discussed at length..In fact, Wareham sells considerably more tickets than all the other choirs put together. . RM reminded the choir of the Guild's Workshop with Nigel Perrin (a former member of the King Singers) preparing a performance of Haydn's Nelson Mass. This workshop will take place on Saturday 28th February at 10.00am in Dorchester.

Mary Norrish requested that we commence each rehearsal on a Monday evening with a warm-up. This had usually preceded rehearsals in the past.

10. ML again thanked all members for attending. There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.30pm