



# AGS FRIENDS - AGM MINUTES

Monday 29th January 2024, 7:00pm

## In Attendance

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R.Thorpe, Y.Bruton, C.Vanstone, H.Silcox, W.Adesanya, D.Adesanya, K.Ellicott, G.Farrington, C.Larsen, S.Busby, S.Chaperlin, J.Johnson-Chang

## Apologies

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J.Parry

### 1. Adoption of formal Constitution

RT provided an overview and circulated the proposed Constitution, which had been adopted from the recommended ParentKind model. Short break to review document. Discussed minor tweaks to the model document, making it clear and relevant to AGS Friends.

**Action:** CV to make the relevant adjustments to the Constitution and circulate for RT and YB to sign. Once signed, CV to make a copy available on the school website.

Show of hands for all those in agreement of adopting the proposed constitution, once edits made. **All present were in agreement**

### 2. Committee Election

The roles required as per the agreed Constitution were: Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and School Principal (or nominated SLT representative).

**2.1 Chair** 1 declaration of interest: Yvonne Bruton.

Vote by show of hands. **All present were in agreement**

**2.2 Treasurer** 1 declaration of interest: Gemma Farrington.

Vote by show of hands. **All present were in agreement**

**2.3 Secretary** 1 declaration of interest: Helen Silcox.

Vote by show of hands. **All present were in agreement**

**2.4 Vice-Chair** 1 declaration of interest: Julie Parry.

Vote by show of hands. **All present were in agreement**

**2.5 School Principal/SLT representative.** Rachel Thorpe as Principal was nominated

Vote by show of hands. **All present were in agreement**



### 3. Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts

Frances Coyles as AGS Finance and Operations Director was proposed.  
Vote by show of hands. **All present were in agreement**

### 4. AOB

Discussed the next steps for the group. Set up a bank account and registration with the charities commissioner a priority for the committee. Next committee meeting organised to arrange legalities.

YB suggested first steps could include a survey to students and parents/carers to seek views on their priorities in relation to events and fundraising. The group discussed whether to go for 1 big event to start with, or to trial several smaller events whilst the group is still in these early stages.

Discussion with regards to what events the PTFA could assist the school with, selling refreshments and having a representative present. (Open evenings, incoming year 7 information evening, in person Parents' Evenings, school concerts etc)

**Action:** CV to create and circulate existing school events calendar to the committee

The group discussed reinstating the 50/50 club which was successful for the previous group along with ideas for other events the PTFA could run (quiz night, International Event, Bingo, discos etc)

Discussion surrounding grants the PTFA may be eligible for once charity status has been obtained, a definite focus for the group moving forward. Similarly, discussion around setting up an AGS Friends Facebook page for communication purposes alongside an AGS Facebook page. SC is happy to assist with this.

### 5. Date of Next Meeting

The committee will meet on Monday 5th February, at 7:30pm.