

Ferring Amateur Dramatic Society

Minutes of extraordinary general meeting held on Wednesday 8th January 2025

President	Pat Attree	A	Committee	Judith Mason-Griffiths	A
Chairman	Veronica Cringle	P	Committee	Simon Weston	P
Hon Sec	Roy Stevens	P	Committee	Carole Holliday	P
Treasurer	John Croot	P	Box Office	Andrea Leisk	A
Tech Manager	Nigel Bubloz	P	Committee	Graham Batchelor	A
Membership	Elizabeth Toon	P	Committee	Steve Baker	P
Member	Niall Conlan	P	Member	Peter Lewis	A

1	<p>Apologies Graham Batchelor, Pat Attree, Judith Mason-Griffiths, Andrea Leisk, Peter Lewis</p>	Action
2	<p>Matters for discussion:</p> <p>1. Revisions to Constitution of the Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title of <i>Chairman</i> to be changed to <i>Chair</i> • Membership of Society to run from January to December instead of April to March • Patrons membership wording in constitution; remove the word “free” in the ticket entitlement • General meetings; 10 members shall form a quorum down from 20 • Delete the clause that there should be automatic dissolution of the Society if less than 10 members of the committee are standing for any 6 month period. <p>2. Disposal of Capital Asset - current Props/Costume store</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal is to increase the storage of the current storage space in the grounds to the rear of the Village Hall [used currently for scenery] • This would require architect drawings and be subject to planning permission and may result in less overall storage space being available for scenery, props and costumes. • This project to be financed from the sale of the plot of land currently owned by FADS in Sea Lane Ferring where the buildings now house the props, furniture and costumes for the Society. 	
3	<p>Discussion and outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to constitution – all proposed changes agreed and voted unanimously 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal of Capital Asset - current Props/Costume store Veronica explained that the current cost of running the existing storage units in Sea lane was approximately £1,500 pa. This includes employment of a gardener to keep the drive clear of weeds and electricity costs of £21 pcm. John Croot also explained that there is a potential business rates liability of £2,000 pa which is currently waived but could be imposed in the future. Simon Weston expressed a concern that the property was a constant drain on FADS funds. If the plot were to be sold there is the potential to raise £50,000 for future investment in improved external storage facilities at the Village Hall, although this may not be equal to the volume of storage currently available between both sites and therefore some of our props, furniture and costumes may need to be disposed of. The question was raised as to what would be the outcome if planning for the new building at the Village Hall was declined, the proposal for this was to arrange for storage of props, furniture and costumes in a commercial storage unit. The cost of this is thought to be less than £1,500 pa. A vote was taken on the viability of these plans and was passed unanimously. Peter Lewis who was unable to attend the meeting had written to Hon Secretary, Roy Stevens who read out his comments to the meeting: "You may count my vote in favour of both the proposals on the agenda at this time, I do think that at some time the details for the development of the scenery store area would need more discussion" 	VC RS CH
	Meeting closed - 7.42 pm	