

**MINUTES OF THE 32<sup>nd</sup> AGM OF THE THORNEY ISLAND SOCIETY  
HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018 AT  
THE GRANGE ROCHESTER HOTEL  
69 Vincent Square, London SW1P 2PA**

**APOLOGIES** : Jill & Paul Dymock, Richard Wildash, Clare Chapman & Colin Parsons.

**PRESENT** : Nicholas Underhill (Chair), Sue Ball, Anthony Harrow, Graeme Cottam, Alice Albinia, Maureen Ashley, Sir Peter Bottomley, Sheila Thorne, Patricia Braithwaite, Lindy & Donald Foord, Jenny Freeman, Patricia James, Janet & Gwyndaf John, Katherine McLean, Pippa Parsons, David Pearl, Susan Rigg, Victor Keegan, Juliet Shellabear, Lucy & Donald Peck, Catherine & Gordon Slater, Wendy & Peter Deakins, Anthony Swing, Mark Wasilewski, Mary & John Williams, Sam Mackover, Tom Ball, David Irving, Lavinia & Alistair Anson, Audrey Heard, Pat Shroff, John Turpin, KT Dunlop, Veronica Morris, Ashley Dickenson and Marian Ramsey

Nicholas welcomed those present and explained that due to having to catch a sleeper train in a few hours time, Ptolemy Dean, would be speaking before the business of the meeting. Ptolemy gave a fascinating talk with slides on the design and construction of the Weston Tower leading to the new Queen's Jubilee Galleries at Westminster Abbey. He also described the new project to improve the overall visitor experience, ticket hall, security check and storage areas.

1. Nicholas Underhill opened the meeting.
2. Apologies were noted.
3. Minutes of the previous AGM were approved.
4. Annual Report: The Chair gave a summary of her annual report noting the importance of the Society's role in commenting on planning applications, the varied and successful visits programme, collaboration with local partners including Chelsea School of Art and the committee's work in sorting out the archives.'
5. The Financial Statements for 2017-18 were adopted nem con and Gordon Slater, Treasurer, reported that membership had increased and the Society was in a stable financial position.
6. Nominations were proposed and accepted nem con for the following Officer posts: Chair – Sue Ball, Hon Treasurer – Gordon Slater, Hon Membership Secretary – Anthony Harrow, Hon Secretary – Juliet Shellabear
7. Nominations were proposed and accepted nem con for the following Committee Members: Peter Deakins, Ashley Dickenson, Rosemary Fitch, Victor Keegan and Lucy Peck.
8. **AOB:** Anthony Swing asked if there was any update on the UK Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre. Lucy Peck reported that a second exhibition followed by the formal planning application is expected before Christmas 2018. Sir Peter Bottomley said that members should compare the current proposal with the brief given to the design panel in 2015, as it appeared to fall short in a number of respects and make this point in objections.