MINUTES OF THE 37th AGM OF THE THORNEY ISLAND SOCIETY

Held at the Blue Orchid Wellington Hotel
71 Vincent Square, London SW1P 2PA
at 6.30pm on 7th November 2023

PRESENT : Clare Annamalai, Sue Ball, Patricia Braithwaite, Louise Cartledge, Stuart Casteldine, Clare Chapman, Mark Collins, Nicholas Coote, Tony Cutler, Peter Deakins, Jenny Freeman, Agapi Fylaktou, Simon Gillingham, Sue Hall, Nigel Israel, Patricia James, Karen Jeger, Janet and Gwyndaf John, Victor Keegan, Rita Kirkham, Hari Kitching, Tony Kyriakides, Irene Lewis, Margaret Lister, Katherine MacLean, Rose Malik, Stewart Marshall, Barbara Martin, Glenn Murphy, Pippa Parsons, David Pearl, Lucy Peck, Jean-Pierre Pennington, Marie-Louise Plum, Colin Podmore, Wilfried Rimensberger, Julia Scott, Annie and Colin Sheaf, Jules and Hugo Shellabear, Roger Shorter, Pat Shroff, Catherine and Gordon Slater, Robert Timms, John Turpin, Nicholas Underhill, Barbara Waine, Paul Weston, James Wilkinson, Mary and John Williams, Ben Wilson, Denise Yeldham and Michael Young. **APOLOGIES :** Alice Albinia, Graeme Cottam, Sophie Damoglou, Jennifer Holroyd, Louise Hyams, Sam Mackover, Kerry Milis-Parker, Hanna Nicholas, Dave Taylor and Mark Wasilewski.

1. Welcome: The Society's President, Nicholas Underhill, welcomed everyone and said he was pleased to be back in the role as Chair of this meeting and thanked Blue Orchid Hotels for their generous support of this event. He thanked the Committee for their continuing work and Sue Ball for her time as Chair. He confirmed that Jules Shellabear had now stepped down and the meeting gave their thanks for her 13 years as Secretary.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous AGM on 8th November 2022 - The meeting approved and accepted nem con.

3. Approval of the Trustees' Annual Report - The meeting approved and accepted nem con.

4. Approval of the Treasurer's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 30th September 2023 – The meeting approved and accepted nem con.

5. Appointment of Hon Independent Examiner: The nomination of Gwyndaf John to examine next year's accounts was proposed and the meeting accepted nem con.

6. Officer Nominations: Officer posts were proposed and accepted nem con for the following posts: (Chair – No nomination) Hon Treasurer – Robert Timms, Hon Secretary – Rose Malik and Hon Membership Secretary – Louise Cartledge

7. Nominations: Executive Committee posts were proposed and accepted nem con for : Clare Annamalai, Graeme Cottam, Agapi Fylaktou, Victor Keegan, Hari Kitching, Lucy Peck and Jules Shellabear.

8. AOB: Michael Young opened discussion on the planning permission for Louise House which would obscure some of the view of the Victoria Tower from Medway Street. Nicholas Underhill reported on the sad passing away of Rosemary Fitch who had been an active Committee Member since the founding of TTIS. Louise Cartledge would like to step down next year as Membership Secretary and anyone interested in the role should contact her. The Society would keep members informed on the anticipated filling of the role of Chair.

9. Date of Next Meeting : 6.30pm, Tuesday 5th November 2024

Following the business of the meeting Dr Mark Collins, Historian and Archivist of the Estates Historic Archive at the Houses of Parliament presented slides and talked on the old Palace of Westminster and new discoveries.