The countryside charity Buckinghamshire

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Buckinghamshire branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England held on 17th November 2025 at 6pm

Attendees: Frances Nash (Trustee); Michael Blackwell (Trustee), Andy Chapman (Interim Chair), Neil Salisbury (Lead Planning Volunteer); Chloé Harmsworth (Office & Communications Manager), Oliver Gascoyne (New Trustee), Holly Gascoyne (New Trustee), Devindi Kumarasinghe (New Trustee), Alex Hannaford (Member)

Apologies: Tanya Arora

Agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on 20th November 2024. **Approved.**
2. Annual Report for the year for 2024-2025. **Approved.**
3. Annual Accounts and Financial Report for the year ended 31st March 2025.
    - Approval of this / Questions. **Approved.**
4. Confirmation of nominees to serve on the Executive Committee
    - Current trustees: Mr A Chapman, Ms Frances Nash, Ms Tanya Arora, Mr Michael Backwell,
    - The vote for Andrew Turton-Ward had one vote not approving.
    - New Trustees: Mr Oliver Gascoyne, Mrs Holly Gascoyne & Ms Devindi Kumarasinghe **Approved. Their main focus will be in the areas of Sustainable Farming & Sustainability, as well as helping with other campaigns and projects.**
    - **Note made to put together and provide people descriptions ahead of the next AGM.**
5. Forward-looking statement for year 2026 (CPRE Anniversary Year)
    - **Andy Chapman confirmed that we have been successful in our application for funding from National Office, and that we will receive £5,000 towards our activities and projects celebrating the Centenary next year – creative competition for younger people, an exhibition, presence at the Bucks County Show, etc.**
    - **Also intending to take part in RHS Britain in Bloom with Oxon & Berks – pitching an award around Sustainability.**
    - **Andy Chapman again said he will forward the trustees the budget for next year for their approval – the intention is to invest some of our money to increase awareness & membership.**