

MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING CALLED TO FORM THE YATELEY SOCIETY
HELD IN THE DRAMA HALL, YATELEY CENTRE, SCHOOL LANE, YATELEY ON
THURSDAY, 15 JANUARY 1981 AT 8.15 PM

First Session - Formal

Present - Gordon Peake (in the chair)

Edward Brooks)
Rita Colclough)
Edward Dawson)
Susan Dawson)
Richard Earnshaw)
Ron Hayett)
Tony Hocking)
Michael Holroyd)
Jean McIlwaine)
Peter Tipton)

and prospective members

Apologies for absence were noted from -

Councillor T. McKinney
Councillor P. Reavley
Councillor M. Davies
Councillor A. Collet

1. The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. He said that the meeting had been called to form an amenity society for Yateley and that a steering committee drawn from the Yateley Study Group had prepared plans for the society over the previous nine months. Later nominations would be required if it was decided to form the society.

The Chairman went on to explain the background to the Yateley Study Group and to introduce the members of the steering committee.

Copies of papers were distributed comprising the agenda and a model constitution with suggested subscriptions etc.

2. Edward Dawson gave a short talk outlining the work of the Civic Trust and of an amenity society, its objectives and its constitution.
3. The projects already being undertaken by the Yateley Study Group were detailed by the project leaders; Peter Tipton on Local History, Susan Dawson on Natural History and Edward Brooks on Conservation.
4. The Chairman then invited questions prior to the formal adoption.
5. The motion to form The Yateley Society was put to the meeting and was adopted as follows:-

"This meeting resolves that an amenity society to be known as
The Yateley Society be formed."

6. The motion to adopt a constitution based on the model with proposed insertions, was put to the meeting and was adopted unanimously as follows:-

"This meeting resolves that the constitution presented at this meeting be adopted."

A copy of the model adopted is attached.

Mr. Tony Hocking answered a question from the floor regarding the proposed budget for the coming year.

7. Appointment of officers and members of the Executive Committee:-

The Chairman then called for nominations.

7.1 Officers

Chairman	Edward Dawson	Proposed by Peter Tipton Seconded by Edward Brooks
Vice-Chairman	Sydney Loader	Proposed by Peter Tipton Seconded by Mr. A.G. Manley
Hon Treasurer	Tony Hocking	Proposed by Gordon Peake Seconded by Elizabeth Tipton
Hon Secretary	Rita Colclough	Proposed by Elizabeth Tipton Seconded by Edward Brooks

The meeting unanimously approved the appointments of the officers.

7.2 Members of the Executive Committee

The Chairman nominated the following committee members:-

Edward Brooks
Susan Dawson
Richard Earnshaw
Ron Hayett
Michael Holroyd
Jean McIlwaine
Gordon Peake
Peter Tipton

After some discussion during which several nominees offered to step aside in favour of fresh names, Mr. J. Davies proposed that a special general meeting be arranged in the near future (three months) to give new members of the Society the opportunity of assessing the worthiness of those proposed to serve on the committee. The proposition was seconded by Mr. Cooper. The Chairman put the proposition to the floor; five were in support with the majority of the meeting against. The Chairman then called for volunteer 'nominees' but none spoke. Agnes Stephenson proposed that the committee, as suggested by the Chairman, be appointed 'en bloc'. The proposition was seconded by Pat Saunders and received majority support from the meeting.

Mr. Tyler asked whether any officers or members of the Executive Committee had any professional or financial interests which should be declared. All gave details of their professions or occupations which showed that no declarations appeared necessary.

8. The resolution to change the title of the bank account, as detailed below, was unanimously approved by the meeting.

"This meeting resolves that The Yateley Study Group should in future be known as The Yateley Society and therefore that the bank account

of the Yateley Study Group opened as a result of the resolution of 8 October 1980 should be renamed The Yateley Society. Alternatively at the discretion of Barclays Bank Limited, The Yateley Study Group account should be closed and a new account opened in the name of The Yateley Society authorised signatories being the holders of the same offices as before."

9. The Chairman gave details and information regarding the programme, membership and registration procedure.

COFFEE was served.

Second Session - Informal

10. Edward Dawson took the chair and invited questions from the floor. Comments and suggestions from the floor were noted.

The Chairman reiterated the general aims of the Society and expressed the hope that new members of the Society would enjoy hearing about and participating in the work of the Society. It was also pointed out that there would be many areas in which the Society would be grateful for any specialized help and advice offered.

12. The Chairman gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the Society to -

Luath Grant-Ferguson (whose idea it was to form the Society) for his help and encouragement over the past eighteen months;
The Steering Committee for its work in the formation of the Society;
Tony Hocking and Elizabeth Tipton for the exhibition in the library;
Sydney Loader for being a 'mine of information';
Rita Colclough for minuting the meetings;
Gordon Peake for leading the steering committee (to which the Chairman added his own special thanks)

The meeting closed at 10.35 pm.

Edward Dawson

Chairman

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Rita Colclough
Secretary