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**Minutes of the 19th PLACE Annual General Meeting, held at 12 noon on
Saturday 13th April 2024 at York St John University, York.**

**1. Members present:** George Sheeran (Chair), Keith Adkins, Chris and Nicola Aiken, Margaret Atherden, Aileen Bloomer, Roger and Helen Button, Angela Clark, Janet Cooper, Clive Dawson, Jane Hanstock, David Hawtin, Anne Jackson-Wild, Susan Lee, Rosalind Maggs, George Malcolm, Richard and Denny Mallows, Philip Mander, Martin and Kay Murphy, Dorothy Pope, Margaret Scott, Colin and Fleur Speakman, Nancy Stedman, Sylvia Voisk, Peter Wheatcroft, Christine Williams, Elaine Wisdom, John Wright, Stan and Irene Young. **Apologies for absence:** John and Jean Broadbent, Jenny Denton, Sonia Donaghy, Ben Garlick, Simon Green, Brian Hague, Anthony Hammersley, Christine Hardaker, Adrian Koster, Angela Wheatcroft.

**2. Minutes of the 18th meeting held in York on 25th March 2023:** Accepted unanimously.

**3. Matters arising from the minutes:** None.

**4. Presentation of the Annual Report and accounts for 2023:** George Sheeran outlined the main points in the Annual Report. The Treasurer, Philip Mander, outlined the Annual Accounts. The following points were raised in discussion:
(i) The members’ survey had indicated support for the current range of activities, including on-line events via zoom. It was suggested that some previous events might be repeated.
(ii) More joint events with partner organisations would be welcomed, e.g. the Yorkshire Society’s Heritage Guardians Summit. Suggestions from members for events would be welcome.
(iii) PLACE was moving forward electronically, including the introduction of card payment with a new SumUp machine, but was keeping the facility to handle finances in the traditional way.
(iv) The question of signing up for PLACE events on-line had been explored. Members felt that it was important to keep the facility to sign up via the booking forms in the current way and that to add on-line booking would create more work. The current system should be maintained for the time being.

**5. Adoption of the Annual Reports and Accounts for 2023:** Proposed by Helen Button, seconded by Aileen Bloomer and agreed unanimously.

**6. Appointment of Accountant for 2024-25:** Sue Campagna was proposed by Philip Mander, seconded by Richard Mallows and appointed unanimously. She was thanked for all her hard work and a small acknowledgement was presented.

**7. Election of Trustees:**Colin Speakman retired by rotation. He was nominated for re-election by Aileen Bloomer, seconded by Philip Mander and elected unanimously.
Susan Jane Lee was nominated for election by Michael Hopkinson, seconded by Richard Mallows and elected unanimously.
Thanks were expressed to Richard Myerscough, who retired by rotation but did not seek re-election.

**8. Discussion:** No further items were raised.

**9. Any other business:** Jane Hanstock expressed her thanks to the Board for all its work on behalf of PLACE.

**10. Date and venue of next AGM:** It was agreed to hold the 2025 AGM at York St John University. The date of Saturday 12th April was proposed.

The meeting closed at 12.42pm.

**M. A. Atherden (Chief Executive)**