

## **Fakenham Auto Club**

**Annual General Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Minutes of Meeting at The Gallow 19.30hrs**

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

- a. Ian Fryer

### **2. In attendance**

- a. Peter Stebbings, Jean Stebbings, David Coles, Blair Rawes, David Feary, Steve Dye, David Barnsdall, Lesa Roll, John Rest, Vanessa Stocking, Bob Francis, Mike Caesari, Judy Biggie, Heather Monks, Iain Salmon, Bernie Osman, Dennis Weatherill, Tim Colman, Brian Monks, Rob Percival, Jim Biggie, Tony Symonds, Mike Colman.

### **3. Minutes of AGM 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

- a. The Minutes were approved as a fair record and were signed as such by Jim Biggie, Chair.

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

- a. Tim Colman thanked Lyn Weatherill for her diligence over many years as Treasurer until Autumn 2025, at which point the Treasureship had passed to himself. Tim continued to speak to the Financial Report he had tabled, and which in summary showed a bank balance of £2,952 of which £2,080 was Charitable funds due to NARS. The balance of £872 being Club funds.
- b. Tim advised that whilst it had not been necessary to increase the £10pa Membership fee for 2026, with costs increasing it was probable that 2027 Membership fees would need to be increased. Example cost increases relate to PLI, and H&S training requirements at certain Club Events - for example the monthly Meet & Display Events from March to October at the Fakenham Market place - where their needs to be safety precautions with pedestrians and moving vehicles.
- c. The Treasurer report was proposed for acceptance by Brian Monks, seconded by Peter Stebbings and unanimously agreed by all present.
- d. Tim was thanked for his report, and for taking on the role as Treasurer. Lyn's previous work was acknowledged with thanks.

### **5. Chairman's Report**

- a. Jim opened by thanking all for attending the AGM.
- b. He advised that the major work during the 2025 year had been the total re-design, modernisation and launch of the new Club Website which was now fully interactive. This in addition to advertising the Club current year activities and Club history. Tim and Deanna were thanked for their considerable efforts in achieving this.
- c. Jim thanked the Committee for their work in supporting him through the year, and thanked Dennis, who had stood down in Autumn of 2025 after many years serving on the Committee. Jim also thanked Tony, who was now standing down, for his years as

Membership Secretary. Jim also noted with appreciation the help that non-Committee Members had given, all of which contributes to our vibrant Club.

- d. In total there had been 37 Club Events during the year, and £2,080 was raised for the NARS Charity, and the hard work in organising these was acknowledged. Special mention given to the Cotswolds breakaway, the Mike Tomlin Event, The Sculthorpe Mill evening, the Q's Quiz night, the Gressenhall trip and the hugely successful Event at Barry & Valerie's venue at Whitehall Farm.

Members were asked that having registered online for an Event they do attend unless extraordinarily they are unable to do so. This is due to the added complication and work involved in amending booking details and meals etc at Venues.

- e. The 2026 Events Calendar is advertised on the Club website, and if anyone has further ideas or suggestions for events then please do contact the Committee. Jim advised that there is a recognition of costs, and the Club is trying to avoid becoming a posh-dining club. Hence some activities pointedly bear this in mind viz the ACA trip, Thursford visit, the MT Event and the visit to County School Station.
- f. Finally, Jim re-iterated the Treasurer report identifying that with running costs increasing it is highly likely that 2027 Membership fees will need to be increased from the 2026 level of £10pa.

## **6. Nomination of Committee Members**

- a. Nominations to serve on the Committee had been received for Jim Biggie, Brian Monks, Tim Colman, David Coles, Ian Fryer, Rob Percival, Vanessa Stocking and Mike Colman.

## **7. Election of Committee Members**

- a. All nominations as shown were proposed by Blair Rawes, seconded by Mike Caesari and approved by all present.

## **8. Resolutions & Amendments to Rules**

- a. David Coles spoke to the proposal for a revision to the wording of the Club Rules in order to replace the "two thirds" majority with "simple majority" and also to clarify and remove ambiguity of Membership renewals.

The proposed renewal wording changes to continue the requirement for all renewals to be paid by the specified method, and received, by the Club no later than 31<sup>st</sup> March. Failing this, Membership will cease and all Member data will be deleted, and Club communications etc to the Member will cease. It was further agreed that Members shall be reminded of the importance of them notifying the Club of any change of their email address.

These proposals were approved by those present.

## **9. Close of Annual General Meeting**

- a. The Meeting closed at 20.25hrs and noted that the raffle this evening had raised £40.05 for our 2026 Charity - First Focus Fakenham.

