**1ST BEDHAMPTON SCOUT GROUP – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**26TH SEPTEMBER 2023 at 18:30 ST NICOLAS CHURCH**

**MINUTES**

1. Welcome and opening prayer: Matthew Quinn (Chair)
2. Apologies: Nigel and Becky Vosper
3. Minutes of the last AGM – accepted as a true and accurate record
4. Chairman’s report (Matthew Quinn):
   * Thanks to volunteers, leaders and members of the Executive
   * Scouting provides an opportunity to face towards the values of a Christian community
   * The impact of Covid on the charity sector has been profound; scouting has faired better than most
   * Finances are healthy, however costs continue to rise and subs are continually reviewed with the aim of remaining in a positive balance each year
   * Last year the Scout Association vision was referenced, which includes growing and attracting more young people – this relies on the support of adults – help is needed both in the sections and the Executive
   * The Bedhampton group leaders are inspirational – we need to look after them and listen to them
5. Treasurer’s report: no general questions, report therefore accepted
   1. Alan Vosper added that a Gift Aid submission is currently underway and should make a substantial positive impact to the balance
6. Group Scout Leader (GSL) report (Ian Barbeary):
   1. Update on camps and activities, including Scout camp to Brownsea Island, home of the first ever Scout trial camp
   2. Please see the Facebook page for regular updates
   3. Thanks to volunteers, leaders and extended members for help and support
   4. Special thanks for the volunteer who will be leading the Beaver section while Melissa is on maternity leave
7. Group executive nominations: nominated and accepted (no change from 2022)
   * Chair – Matthew Quinn
   * Secretary – Alethea Copland
   * Treasurer – Samantha Lawrence
   * Exec members – Barbara Vosper, Wayne Thomas
   * Church rep – Barbara Vosper
8. AOB and presentations
   * Barbara Vosper – we are celebrating 40 years of Beavers
   * Julie Stacey – (HAWK District Commissioner) presented a variety of service and leader awards including to Barbara Vosper for 40 years’ service; as well as section awards
   * Presentation to Alan Vosper who has announced his retirement after more than 50 years’ involvement in Scouting
9. Thanks and meeting close