



# *The Old Juddian Society*

## **Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society held on Monday March 27 2023 at 7.30pm at the Judd School Tonbridge**

### **Present:**

In Person: J Wood (President), H Dolling (Chairman), P Greatrex (Secretary), S Challis (Treasurer), B Buck (committee member), J Taylor (committee member), R K Gunn, G Pettitt, M Walker and J Humphrey

Online: G Webb (Committee member)

Proxies given to RK Gunn – J Dibble

Proxies given to H Dolling - B Baldock, J Bowles, D Bradley, W Cockcroft, S Deer, C Doyle, G Hartnoll, I Hollands, W Howard, G Hunt, G Jones, T Leslie, R Moth, E Portlock, S Potter, E Prescott, R Randall, H Riddle, I Steward, R Streatfield, A Waters, C Whittle, C Wickham, and B Winter.

It was noted that the meeting had been validly called in accordance with the Society's rules.

The meeting had been called to ask the members to approve three resolutions which had been circulated to members more than 21 days before the meeting:

- 1) To approve a new constitution and set of rules for the Society,
- 2) To agree that the necessary parties could sign the Deed of Variation in the form circulated to enable the assets of the Society's Life Membership Trust Fund to be transferred into the main Society funds, and
- 3) For the Society to set up a new Fund entitled the Old Juddian Benevolent Fund (the "Benevolent Fund") to be operated in accordance with the new constitution and rules voted on in Resolution 1 above, and to allocate an initial sum of £40,000 from the Society's main funds to the Benevolent Fund.

The chairman informed the meeting that the President had recently informed him that the school was proposing to establish a "Belong Fund" which would have similar objectives to those for the Society's proposed Benevolent Fund, but would be targeted solely at pupils still at the school. and was hoped to be on a much bigger scale.

There was some discussion as to whether having two similar funds would create an unnecessary level of bureaucracy, and whether it would be better to combine the two.

It was noted that the Society's Benevolent Fund, while able to assist current pupils, was aimed more at those moving to or already in further education.

It was agreed by those in the meeting that if the resolutions were approved the position should be monitored over the next few years, and if it then appeared that having a single fund made more sense, an EGM could be called to change the rules to reflect that. It was further noted that if no appropriate cases were identified in any particular year it would be possible for the Benevolent Fund to make a gift to the school's Belong Fund.

The chairman then called for a vote on each of the three separate resolutions. All three resolutions were carried unanimously.

The Treasurer was requested to set up a new bank account for the Benevolent Fund and the Secretary was requested to arrange for the Deed of Variation to be signed by all relevant parties, after which the Treasurer was requested to procure the transfer of the agreed £40,000 to the new account.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

*These minutes were approved by email by the Chairman on 11.04.2023*