

The Friends of Historic Essex

Annual General Meeting 8 July 2023 – Item 5

Resolution to Amend section 12 of the Constitution

Background: As a result of a long-term reduction in membership, it has proved increasingly difficult to achieve the figure of 25 people present that is sufficient for the AGM to be quorate under section 12 of the Constitution (see below). This figure now represents about one sixth of the membership. In 2022 insufficient members booked, and phone calls had to be made to request members to attend to prevent the AGM being inquorate.

Changes to the Constitution: According to section 14 of the Constitution, a provision of the Constitution may be amended by a majority of two-thirds of those present and voting at a General Meeting.

Proposal by the Executive Committee: To amend section 12 of the Constitution to read as follows (altered wording is highlighted).

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