Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of
The English Folk Dance and Song Society
held on Zoom on 8 November 2025

The meeting was attended by 34 members with a further 659 having appointed proxies.

The Chair, Fiona Butcher, welcomed those attending.

Apologies were received from Drew Hill and Nell Leyshon.

The minutes of the 2024 AGM were approved on a show of hands and there were no matters arising.

The Chair, Chief Executive and Treasurer presented their respective sections of the Annual Report and Accounts. The Annual Report and Accounts were accepted on a show of hands.

Ordinary Resolution 1. Ordinary Resolution 1 to set the subscriptions for 2026 as shown in the agenda was passed on a show of hands.

Ordinary Resolution 2 Ordinary Resolution 2 to appoint Sayer Vincent as the Society's auditors was passed on a show of hands.

Special Resolution 1 The Special Resolution seeking to change the name of the Society was considered. On a poll 450 members voted in favour and 198 against. This means that 69.4% of the members voting had voted in favour. Since the legal requirement is that the resolution must have 75% support the motion was not passed.

The Secretary reported on the changes in the Board. Since the 2024 AGM three members of the Board had resigned. They are Jeremy Simpson, Lucy Hooberman and Angeline Morrison. The last two cited person reasons for their resignations. Alan Davey, Ed Fishwick, Laura Jones and Ayub Khan had come to the end of their terms of office and were not eligible to stand for re-election until the 2026 AGM. Three of the members whose appointments were announced at the last AGM had decided to stand for election and the Board had recommended them. They were Elsa Cardona, Nell Leyshon and Lisa Saper. As there were more vacancies than candidates they were elected without the need for a vote. The Chair thanked the retiring Board members for their service.

Ordinary Resolutions 3 – 6 As these four resolutions are a formality and have no practical effect, it was agreed without opposition to vote on them together. The four resolutions were carried on a show of hands.

There was no other business.

The Chair thanked members for attending and the staff for their work in organizing the meeting.

The 2026 AGM is planned for 14 November 2026.