

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE HALL AGM MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12th MAY 2015

PRESENT Joanne(chair) ,Paul B, Mary, Brian, Kaz, Anne, Nick, John Hackett, Paul O'boyle,John and Judith Oakley, Gordon and Julie Rolland, Jane Orr,David and Jeffy Wood,Helen Bateman,Vivia Crump.

APOLOGIES were received from Sally and Richard.

MINUTES The Minutes of the AGM meeting held on Tuesday 13th May 2014 having been circulated were approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING Brian Spooners name should not have been included in the last minutes.

AOB Nothing to report.

Chairmans Report

Thank you to everyone for coming to support the AGM. Thank you also to the hard working committee and friends who have willingly given their time to support fund raising activities making sure these events are a success.

Thanks to Peter Cox for helping to keep the hall so beautiful and willingly helping to set up for events also to Helen and Richard for bar duties and so much more.

Thanks to Chris the bookings secretary of 5 years she has done a splendid job and will be missed.

A tribute to Jeanette Hogarth soon to leave the village she has been a large part of village life with coffee mornings, quilters, WI, funeral teas, lunches etc. Her help with Sunday teas also has been amazing, she and Richard will be missed by all. The committee wish them well in their new home.

The village hall committee have put on a varied number of events over the past year.

Centre Stage events continue to be very popular with special thanks to John Hackett for organising a varied programme of events from musical entertainment to one man shows. Jazz in the Park was enjoyed but poorly attended as was the table top sale in November although it made a profit.

The Spring fair was a great success with Sarah and Naomi hosting a really enjoyable event including a cake baking competition. An Xmas event is in the planning.

WIFI is available to residents thanks to John Oakley who hosted some computer training classes, these were put on hold as John was taken ill, he is now making a good recovery.

Sunday Teas are always difficult to run and thanks to a hardworking group who give up valuable time we managed to run them for a limited number of Sundays, we are hoping to run the teas from May bank holiday through to the end of August, more commitment is needed, in the past we have raised in excess of £1000 last year we achieved around £450 we hope to beat that in 2015.

Xmas Party and a teen disco was organised by Sally and a team of helpers and proved very successful.

A Good Neighbour Scheme was introduced led by Sally it is currently a work in progress but should be launched this summer, a bequest made by the Birch family is being used to fund the start up of the scheme, hence the name The Birch Good Neighbour scheme.

The Hall:

The point of our fundraising activities is to maintain the Hall in the good condition it is now in, Through a programme of redecorating and refurbishment the committee care for the fabric of this old building, this year masterminded by Paul Brewer we have changed to more cost effective lighting and Peter Nicholls of ESS has helped maintain a reasonable level of safety producing risk assessments and conducting annual safety audits. This enables the committee to produce an annual action plan of essential works. Amongst other things on the agenda for this year is a designated disabled parking space.

TREASURERS REPORT: A huge thank you to Gordon Rolland for examining the accounts. This was in accordance with Charity Rules re the need for a formal examination, Paul is to email Brian and he will get a copy of the accounts posted on the website. This report was adopted by Anne and seconded by Mary with all in favour.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

All of the committee members were proposed to be re elected en bloc by Brian , with the exception of Chris who is standing down as bookings secretary, seconded by Helen and as such all members were duly elected.

Individual nominations : Paul O Boyle was elected onto the committee proposed by Anne Thomson and seconded by Joanne, although Judith Oakley is kindly taking over the bookings she is not keen to become a member of the committee.

There is a demand for new committee members to join.

AOB:

Solar Panels: Readings are being reported back to Gabrielle Maughn the committee are keen to learn when this will be returning a profit.

Leaving party/present for the Hogarths to be discussed and planned for June.

Lighting: Judith feels the lighting in the Hall is poor and that it should be improved, Paul has offered to investigate this.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.15 PM