



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 15th April 2014

Chairman: Nick Viney
Treasurer: Hugh Cochrane
Secretary: Tim Arnold

Parish Council Representative: Jerry Burden
Games Club Representative:
Events / Management Committee Members:
Ali Arnold, Jo Lurie, Adrian Wood, Richard Sandham

Also Present: Dilys Thomas, Maggie & Neil Hardy, Patti Sandham, Jim & Margaret McAllister, Claire Barnes, David & Shiela Johnson, Paul Lurie, Mandy Shanks, Mark Hill, Jack Ross.

Total Present, including committee members: **21**

Apologies: Richard & Sandra Brown, Jenny Hynan, Heather Ross, Liz & Tim Hoad, Debbie & Peter Handy.

Minutes of the last Meeting on 11 Apr 13 These were circulated and agreed. Nick Viney commented on the intent to deliver Newsletters by hand to those without email, which he has agreed to do.

Chairman's Report Nick Viney reported on the year, welcomed all present, and outlined the following:

Refurbishments, including new lighting, secondary double glazing, efficient heating, school house and exterior decoration and damp proofing.

Requests for assistance with running the village hall, in particular assistance with the various events.

Nick concluded by recalling his experience when first arriving in the village and being welcomed by a very friendly community, including Jack and Heather Ross, who were thanked by all for their considerable contribution to the running of the hall.

Treasurer's Report Hugh Cochrane reported that the hall Accounts show that we have had a very successful year with trading profits showing an excess of £8,056, however, year end reserves have decreased by £10,887 as a result of the extensive one-off improvements to the Hall facilities funded from our Long Term Liabilities. Full details are in the comprehensive Treasurer's Report which is attached to these Minutes.

The treasurer was thanked for an excellent year's work and for producing the report for the AGM. Hugh Cochrane added that he is looking forward to handing over the role, but there was no response from the floor.

Committee Election

Jack Ross proposed Nick Viney to the Chair of the Management Committee, seconded by Hugh Cochrane.

Dilys Thomas proposed re-election of the extant Management and Events Committees, seconded by Maggie Hardy.

Events Report Jack Ross welcomed Nick Viney as chair, and summarised the year's events including the successes of the Fête, the summer BBQ, the Film Festival and the Christmas events Carols on the Green and the Winter Wassail. Jack thanked all those who have helped make the events happen, with lots of hard work in the sidelines, and asked again for any volunteers to come forward to assist in 2014. A summary of the Events Chair's report is attached to these Minutes.

Jack also highlighted the events planned for the forthcoming year, including a two-evening Film Festival, and the Wassail planned for a later date - 2nd January 2015. Events planned so far are:

Events 2014	Date	Team & Lead
Winter Warmer / Open Mic evening	Sat 22nd February 2014 7 for 7.30pm	Tim A/Patti S
Fête	Mon 26 th May 2014, 10am to 13.30	Tim A
BBQ on the Green	Sat 23 Aug 14 1200 - 1630	Tim A
Themed event??	Autumn 2014	TBC
Film Festival – 2 films/2 evenings	Oct 2014 Friday and Saturday tbc	Richard B
Carols on Green	Wed 17 th December 2014 18.30	Richard B
Winter Wassail	2 nd January 2015	Richard B

Caretaking Rota

Further volunteer support was requested for the management of the caretaking, which involves checking the hall after bookings, monitoring lighting and heating and arranging for cleaning when required. In the absence of any volunteers, Nick Viney agreed to continue to cover this role. Tim Arnold agreed to check over the hall when the keys are returned, when possible.

Planned Investments & Refurbishments

Painting of the exterior woodwork is about to commence.

Adrian Wood and Tim Arnold agreed to get together to confirm options for the archive display boards project, and report back to the Management Committee with a plan.

Lighting improvements in the Committee Room were discussed; and it was agreed that the lighting design need not be inextricably linked to the plans for display boards. However, no conclusions were drawn as to what the lighting should be, but that a meeting should be arranged with Julian Harris to discuss options.

Website / Bookings / Publicity

The Website is now easier to access and keep up to date; it should provide accurate info on forthcoming events as well as a user-friendly booking system. An article on the village is planned for the PURBECK! magazine, and the Dubber ad for hall hire is to be revised.

The process of sending Newsletters by bulk email seems to be working well, and will be backed up by delivery of paper versions in future.

There is now a VH Facebook Page, those that 'like' the page will be automatically informed of forthcoming events and other news.

Public Discussion

Internet Cafe Mark Hill suggested that with the installation of a Broadband connection, the VH could become the hub for an 'internet cafe', and a gathering place for those wanting to socialise over their tablets and laptops. Further suggestions included using the connection as a business hub (Neil Hardy), a mums & toddlers' group (Nick Viney), WiFi for holiday home users, Internet and IT classes (Paul Lurie), streaming films to a big screen using AppleTV (Adrian Wood), and a source for provision of a mobile phone signal. Mark Hill agreed to look into the viability of these options, and to quote for setting up a landline and broadband with all the necessary equipment.

Although the installation was agreed in principle, Tim Arnold suggested that we first run a survey past all residents of the village to do some Market Research to ensure we are providing a service that is wanted, and will be used.

Wine Tasting Shiela Johnson suggested we hold a wine tasting event, which can be organised through Majestic Wines.

Parking Shiela also raised the question of village hall parking in the playing field; Jerry Burden confirmed that the field can be used when it is dry by application to the PC.

Open Gardens Dilys Thomas reminded us of the upcoming Open Gardens event in the village on 22nd June, with tea & cakes in the VH. Liz Hoad is organising the event; Tim Arnold agreed to put details including the map on the website.

Police Information Richard Sandham explained that the local Police will if required send out warning and info notices to subscribers, and Neil Hardy told of the Purbeck Police Facebook page that is similarly informative. Some may want to have such emails forwarded to them, but Tim Arnold agreed to ask this question in the survey.

Village Shop Neil Hardy described a village shop vending machine system, that might be installed somewhere. Tim A agreed to include this in the survey to see if there was a demand.

Date of the next Meeting

A date for the next AGM in April 2015 was not set.

Nick Viney

Chairman

7 May 2014