



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on
31st March 2015**

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

Parish Council Representative: Jerry Burden
Games Club Representative:
Events/Management Committee Members:
Jack Ross, Richard Sandham, Patrick Magill, Jenny Hynan.

Also Present

Maggie Hardy, Jim & Margaret McAllister, David & Shiela Johnson, Sarah Magill, Peter & Debbie Handy, Sam & Jane Davies, Joe Matthews, Jane Viney, Howard & Dilys Thomas.

Apologies

Janet Falush, Roger Ambrose, Tony Unsworth, Louise Green, Clare Dolman, Alison & Adrian Wood, Keith & Joy Pierce, Dilys & Howard Thomas, Tony Viney, Kate & Patrick Corbett, Chris Brooker, Claire Myerscough, David Whitehouse, Charles & Emma O'Reilly, Mike Lovell, Roger Khanna, Kerry Tatchell, David Marshall, Ali Arnold, Trudi Bonfanti.

Minutes of the last meeting

Nick Viney agreed to deliver newsletters by hand to those not on the email list.

Chairman's Report

Nick Viney talked about the importance of Community, and that although we do a great deal that helps cement the community in Worth, we should always strive to do more. Nick defines 'community' as: welcoming newcomers, caring for each other, getting to know each other, and having a laugh, not necessarily in that order!

He encouraged folks to consider ways in which they can help or join in, with the three main ways being with either the Management or Events Committees, or the Rapid Reaction Team - which is called upon to set up marquees etc.

Maintenance - All items forecast for completion in 2014 have been done.

Gardening - The rota is now defunct, and the VH employs a part-time gardener, Mark Norman, on a 12 month trial. Mark is briefed to cover all necessary aspects of the VH garden, not just the lawn. Shiela Johnson asked to see a copy of the contract.

Heritage Panels - Tim gave a short report on these; we await more drafts from Adrian, but the process of framing and lighting them is all in hand.

Presentation Items - Concerns were raised about where these should go, and that they should not be sold or disposed of without consultation. However, we must also regain control of what we decide should be hung on the walls, rather than be driven by those that

leave gifts for us. Tim will circulate a link to the inventory; folks should say if there are any particular presentations that should remain in the hall. The rest will be stored.

Treasurer's Report - Main concern is over Hugh Cochrane's replacement, as he is due to leave at the end of this year. If a replacement is not found, we will have to employ someone.

Good income for the year, up by 8%, mainly due to the Fete bringing in £3,800, and the ongoing success of PASH.

There is £52K in reserve; some of this will be used this FY for refurbishment of the VH roof.

Hall Hire was much better in 2014, income of £800 was triple that of 2013. Gifts and Donations were up, helped by sales of the Worth History book in the village shop.

Expenses increased by £1700, mainly due to the costs of outside painting, plus a few miscellaneous items such as a new gazebo, BBQ and the new cost of waste disposal.

Election of Committee Members - There were no new elections, and no objections to the existing Officers remaining in place. Nick Viney again encouraged new members to come along to meetings with no commitment.

Events Report

Burns Night and all other events last year were agreed to have been a great success in all respects.

Similar events will be organised this year, including a new idea for a Winspit Picnic, details to be confirmed. Karl Latimer has been booked for the BBQ on the Green, for a change, and Peter Handy has taken on organisation of the Film Festival. Richard Brown was thanked for his efforts in securing films for the village on previous festivals.

Village Fête 25th May - Fête planning is under way, Tim will be asking stall holders and helpers to help out in much the same way as last year, with a few more stalls. Nick Viney offered to run a Skittles game, and Sam Davies offered to organise a 'Beat the Goalie' competition in the playing field. If the field is used, the committee will look at setting up a pedestrian-safe path to the field up from the green.

The Christmas Festival event raised over £400 for the Ebola appeal and will happen again, this year a little nearer Christmas on the 18th December. Peter and Debbie's gluwwein stall was very popular!

Joe Matthews offered to help out when he can, and all were pleased to hear that Nathalie will be starting up her Life Drawing classes again soon.

The next Events meeting is Tuesday 4th April, all are welcome.

Maintenance

The clock may need rehangng; Richard Sandham agreed to take it back, and to ask the repairer to come over the hall and set it up properly in place. It may be that he cannot climb a ladder, which may prove to be unnecessary if the clock is hung lower on the wall.

Several of those attending noticed cobwebs on the ceiling, the Caretaker will attend to these next time he is in the vicinity.

Purchases

The following purchases and improvements were suggested (and subsequently approved by the Management Committee post AGM):

Roof Repairs
Committee Room Lighting
Heritage Panels
6 new trestle tables
6 new plastic garden tables
New set of fluff-resistant hall chairs
Kitchen utensils including cooks' knives and chopping boards
Coat Hooks - of a design in keeping with the hall
New notice board

Public Discussion

Sarah Magill asked if the VH would support any request for a phone mast. The majority agreed, although the provision of a mast by one provider would not universally solve the problem, and would be extremely unlikely to happen. Jerry Burden referred to earlier mumblings about Government Spending, but that there had been no interest.

Debbie Handy suggested getting a telephone landline. It was agreed that we will do this, in part to assist with the provision of a defibrillator on the hall wall, as well as possible future broadband connection.

Sheila Johnson asked for a new hose pipe round the back, with a sprayer.

Patrick Magill proposed a vote of thanks to all of the committee members and helpers who have done a lot of work for the community.

Date of the Next Meeting

April 2016, date to be announced.

Nick Viney
Chairman
17 April 2015