

Worth Matravers Village Hall

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11 April 2018

Trustees Present:

Nick Viney (Chairman), John Hynan (Treasurer), Hugh Cochrane, Jack Ross, Mark Hill, Claude Bonfanti, Helen Stewart.

Representatives Present:

Tim Hoad (Games Club).

Attending:

Tim and Alison Arnold, Jane Viney, Liz & Tim Hoad, Robert & Gaynor Loblely, Colin Nunn, Jim and Margaret McAllister, Chris Stewart, Dawn Cosh, Maggie Hardy.

It had been planned to have Jerry Burden speak to the attendees on the proposal for the installation of equipment to provide a mobile phone signal in the village but unfortunately Jerry was unwell.

1. Apologies

Charles O'Reilly (Trustee), Peter and Debbie Handy.

2. Request for a Minute taker

Helen Stewart offered to take the meeting's minutes.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

No matters arising not covered in the Agenda.

3. Chairman's Annual Report

Events Successful fete held, £2000 of proceeds paid for the village defibrillator and £2000 to Forest Holme Hospice. Farm walk was a fun event but cold! BBQ on the Green had been revived under different management. Christmas Festival was bigger and better. Roman Evening and Halsewell Evening with David Whitehouse were both good events. Other village events - Worth Wednesdays, Games Evenings, Life Drawing and PASH.

Communication Nick asked attendees if they felt they were kept effectively up to date if they did not have access to internet. Jack Ross reminded the Committee that in the absence of e - comms people were relying on news of events etc via The Dubber so needed to be sent to the editor for inclusion.

Accounts There had been a planned excess of expenditure over income for the financial year. There remained over £40,000 on the Balance Sheet.

Trustees Adrian Woods and Tim Arnold were standing down. Subject to agenda item 6 looking to appoint Rob Loble, Dawn Cosh and Maggie Hardy.

Future Events Two meetings had been held to organise arrangements for the Fete. The plan was to break organisation into sectors that are run by individuals. Hall to have an exhibition of artists displaying work and it is hoped the exhibition will move into the marquee after the fete to continue the demonstration of their work. The beneficiaries of the fete are to be a new AV system for the hall or monies toward a village event, My Time charity for young carers centre nr Renscombe Farm and the printing of the Roman Barn monograph. Nick suggested the following potential events, a farm walk, a tour of the Kingston/Encombe water system (fed by spring nr Swanworth Quarry through a 19C tunnel) and a tour of the lifeboat station. PASH event was 14-29 August and there was a planned BBQ on The Green. The Christmas Festival was going to be organised by Tim. Nick requested anyone who had an idea for an event to come forward and organise supported by all participants contributing to its success.

Improvements Improved lighting upstairs, floor sockets, table clothes and defrib box.

Further Points: Nick expressed his thanks to Adrian Wood and Tim Arnold. He explained that the Trustees had produced a list of the roles and responsibilities Tim had taken on during his tenure as Secretary which was extensive and illustrated how much he did for the village. As a gesture of sincere thanks Nick presented Tim with a gift towards his garden project and wine.

Any questions Maggie Hardy asked why monies had been used for a defibrillator when there was local project to provide the equipment and training. It was explained that this had been pursued by the Trustees on a number of occasions with the PC to no avail and it was felt it was an urgent facility the village needed. Nick enquired about further training for the village and Maggie said there was familiarisation and awareness training available.

Nick asked for a show of hands on the future events mentioned previously and the Encombe water system was favoured and also the lifeboat station.

Jim McAllister enquired about the AV system and Tim explained about the provision of a projector, screen and sound system.

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5. Treasurer's Annual Report

John Hynan said the financial year had been good in terms of overall result, with £2000 being donated to the hospice and £5000 spent on the Hall (lighting) and defrib. The reserves were £45.5k. Chris Stewart asked if there any guidelines on what optimum reserves should be? John explained that Trustees have an obligation to consider if they are sufficient based on a multiplier of income and this was the case with the Hall accounts.

Nick expressed sincere thanks to all the hard work John continues to do for the financial management of the Hall. John thanked Hugh for examining the accounts at year end.

6. Members Elections

The extant Chairman and Trustees were re-elected, and the following new Trustees appointed:

Dawn Gosh
Rob Loberly
Maggie Hardy

Proposed by Tim Arnold, seconded by Liz Hoad; unanimous.

7. Events Covered in Chairman's report.

8. Planned Investments, Purchases and Refurbishments

Covered in Chairman's report.

9. Public Discussion

It was felt resolving a mobile phone signal for the village was important and Jerry Burden would be invited to the next Trustees meeting.

Tim Arnold asked attendees for a show of hands of who, in principal, would like a mobile phone signal. Majority in agreement. Margaret McAllister said it was important that workman in the village had mobile phone coverage to receive and make calls for business and work related messages. Tim explained that the mobile platform was EE which also covers O2, Orange, BT but not Vodaphone and Virgin. The equipment was a small mast from a broadband cable.

10. Any other business

Nil

11. Date of the Next AGM TBC

Meeting closed at 20.08hrs

Nick Viney
Chairman
15 April 18