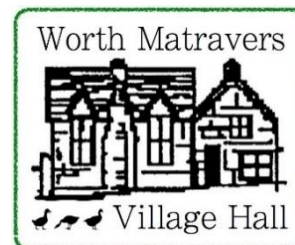


# Worth Matravers Village Hall



## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 23rd April 2019

### Trustees Present:

Nick Viney – Chair, John Hynan, Rob Lobley, Jack Ross, Dawn Cosh, Claude Bonfanti, Charles O'Reilly, Helen Stewart, Maggie Hardy, Hugh Cochrane

### Representatives Present:

Tim Hoad – Games Club, Ceri Vosper – Parish Council

### Attending:

Neil Hardy, Dilys Thomas, Liz Hoad, Gaenor Lobley, Ali Arnold, Patrick Corbett

### Apologies:

Mark Hill, Sam Davies, Do Michel, Tim Arnold, Jim O'Neill, Derek & Chris Ralls

1. Request for a Minute taker – Jack Ross
2. Minutes of last AGM – accepted as an accurate account, no matters arising
3. Chairman's Annual Report
  - a. Events and major activities in the last year and upcoming in 2019
    - i. Fête 2018 – a very successful event organized by a new, hastily put together team, supported by an increasing number of Villagers, and the fabulous weather being the icing on the cake.  
Fête 2019 – plans already well underway with the same leadership team as 2018, with some stalwarts and some new enthusiasts on this year's stalls and activities
    - ii. BBQ on the Green 2018 – more of a Party and whilst not a BBQ in the true sense, the food created by Dominic was excellent and the event well attended with c. 130 very much enjoying getting together on a lovely 'late summer' day.  
BBQ on the Green 2019 – hopeful of involving Dominic Heath again though he will be looking for some help
    - iii. Encombe Water System Tour – a very wet, but nevertheless well attended and fascinating tour led by Rob Vearncombe the Encombe Waterworks Manager and local Dairy Farmer.  
Later this year, one possibility for a Farm Tour is Rob's farm at Kimmeridge, where he has a robot milking system, possibly followed up by dinner at Clavells.
    - iv. Carols on the Green – back to more of the traditional Worth

style on the Green and in the Village Hall. A well-attended kick off to December festivities

- v. Worth Film Club – a new venture created by Claude Bonfanti and Peter Handy following the installation of the new AV system. With two films shown so far this year and the next (Rams) later this week, has been very well supported and looking forward to becoming a regular and important part of the Worth calendar
  - vi. The Afternoon Club continuing in its new guise with an enlightening talk at the last event by Lesley Malpas about 'Re-wilding' and the dangers facing our planet. Lesley also made good use of the new AV system.
  - vii. The Games Club (now accurately the Snooker Club) still runs regularly with Tim Hoad at the helm
  - viii. Other activities in the Hall include
    - PASH (Purbeck Artists and Stallholders) continue to be our number one booking and have become such an important part of our village life in the summer and at Christmas. They have just made their 2021 booking
    - Life Drawing continues weekly
    - PAW (Purbeck Arts Week) is using the hall again, this year on the weekend after the Fête
- b. Jobs – currently, John Hynan is the Treasurer, Rob Loblely our Bookings Officer, Jack Ross handles Publicity ... for the time being, Claude Bonfanti was responsible for the AV installation and now the Film Club. He and Peter Handy are supported by other Trustees, Dawn Cosh and Charles O'Reilly and Maggie Hardy who is part of the Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership (SCDP), is our Defibrillator expert.
- c. People – after the crisis we were facing at this time last year when Tim Arnold, who wore a number of Secretary oriented hats, had resigned Nick wanted to say how well he thought we were now doing and in particular to offer his thanks to the following:
- i. Mark Hill for stepping up in the few months before he left for his world tour to take on the Bookings and also for getting the new free-standing website underway before handing over the bookings to
  - ii. Rob Loblely who has taken them on wholeheartedly and
  - iii. Jack Ross who completed the population of the website and continues to maintain it, as well as handling Publicity (inc. e-blasts, entries into the Dubber and the Purbeck Gazette) and got heavily involved in organizing last year's and now this year's Fête together with
  - iv. Peter Handy who chairs the Fête committee as well as partnering in the Film Club with
  - v. Claude Bonfanti who as a Trustee led the acquisition and installation of the AV, also supported by
  - vi. Tim Arnold who in addition, whilst no longer a Trustee is still the Guardian of the Village Hall Defibrillator producing regular feedback to the SCDP supported by Maggie Hardy

Nick also wanted to express his appreciation to:

- vii. Ceri Vosper who has stepped in as the Parish Council representative on our Committee
- viii. John Hynan for doing such a thorough job as Treasurer and
- ix. Hugh Cochrane, John's predecessor who as Jack reinforced did an outstanding job in that role for at least 10 years and has, after c. 15 years as a Trustee decided to retire. Everybody added their thanks to Hugh and wished him well. He does of course still continue to be very involved in the Fête

Nick also added his gratitude to:

- x. All of the other people who contribute so much to our events and activities which includes all of those present this evening.
- d. Problems - after all that has happened in this last year we still have a couple of roles that need filling, specifically in need of a Secretary which as Tim's roles have been spread around is now much more of a Meetings and Minutes one, and there are gaps for two new Trustees to replace Hugh and our absentee Trustee Mark Hill. Nick has a couple of possibilities in mind and will check the current status of Sam Davies who has such a lot to offer the Village.
  - e. Ideas - in talking to Nicola Brooker recently Nick learnt that next year will be 100 years since the Village was SOLD ... by the Rempstone estate. A conversation about a possible celebration determined that it should be further considered, maybe even linked with the 2020 BBQ on the Green weekend. With Benjamin Jesty buried here, St Nicholas the 900 year old Church, the School that is now the Village Hall, Radar development - Bernard Lovell actually lived locally, the Roman Barn dig and not forgetting the archeology and the fossils that are just a bit older, it seems there is plenty to include in a 100 year celebration of our history.
  - f. Website - as mentioned the new site is up and running. There's lots on it including galleries of events going back 10 years, plus an Archive going back nearer to 100 years, Minutes and other documents for the last 6 years, Upcoming Events to let us know what's happening and the Bookings Calendar so that we can see at a glance whether the Hall is free. Please take a look at: [www.worthmatraversvillagehall.org](http://www.worthmatraversvillagehall.org)
  - g. School House - a persistent and worrying leak, the source of which has been somewhat elusive has now been identified and repaired by Jerry Burden. No other major issues.
4. Treasurer's Annual Report - John Hynan summarized his report which is available in Finances under Minutes & other Docs on the website. In essence he said that we had had a good year the net surplus for 2017 was £1,076 (2017 £3,048) a decrease of 64.7% on last year. The main reasons for the reduction was the fall in income from the Fête due to it now being run mostly for the benefit of other charities, and the purchase of the AV equipment. Reserves have increased by £1,076 to

£46,555 (2017 £45,479) after charging £nil (2018 £nil) to the Provision for Hall Repairs account. He went on to say that the Reserves Policy, also available on the website, may need to be reviewed in the light of these changes.

5. Members Retirements: Hugh Cochrane – see item ix in the Chairman’s Report
6. Members Elections – re-election of the current Board of Trustees was proposed by Hugh Cochrane, who having retired is no longer a Trustee, and seconded by Liz Hoad. They were re-elected unopposed. Helen Stewart, already a Trustee, will also become the PCC (Parochial Church Council) representative on the committee.
7. Events Update - see the Chairman’s Report
8. Planned Investments, Purchases & Refurbishments – nothing major planned. New alarm system has been installed. Julian Harris still to instruct us on its use and to complete the repair of the light dimmer.
9. Public Discussion – nothing further raised following contributions made to earlier discussions.
10. Any other business – two items raised:
  - a. Ceri requested of Nick a copy of the Chairman’s report for submission to the PC. Ideally to be submitted by the second Tuesday of April in time for the PC’s AGM. Nick agreed to forward his notes
  - b. Charles offered his thanks to Nick for this evening and all he has done in the last year. This was heartily approved by those present.
11. Date of next meeting – to be determined nearer to the time

*Nick Viney*  
Chairman