



Worth Matravers Village Hall Trust

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**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on
Thursday 11th April 2024 at 19.00 in the Village Hall**

Trustees Present: Jack Ross – Acting Chair, John Hynan - Treasurer, Ali Arnold - Communications, Claude Bonfanti – Film Club, David Ainscough – Fete Set Up, Pete Newton – Care Taking & Equipment Repairs, Rick Gould – Repairs & Refurbishments

Attending: Liz Hoad - CCT, Margaret McAllister, Jim McAllister, Tim Arnold – Web Site/Mailshots, Angela Wenham, Gerald Kelly, Christine Kelly, Rachel James, Allan James, Charles O'Reilly

Apologies – Dawn Cosh – Refurbishment Team, Rob Lobley - Bookings, Yvonne Spencer, Hugh Cochrane, Ceri Vosper - PC

Approval of Minutes of last AGM – 11th April 2023

Minutes were approved.

1. **Acting Chair's Report** – available on the Village Hall website. In summary:
 - a. Vote of thanks to:
 - i. Nick Viney – retiring from the Chair after 10 valued years of service – he has been very poorly in recent months, in hospital but is hoped to be out very soon. His very significant achievements, in particular opening up the Village Hall and making it easily accessible to Villagers individually and in groups, welcoming newcomers and enrolling them and many others onto our Village Directory of which he was one of the founders the remarkable Centenary Event in. 2022, and his friendly upbeat nature in everything he did. We send him our heartfelt thanks, for all he has been and still is to the village with our very best wishes to him and his family for his recovery.
 - ii. Claire Barnes - Communications Officer who has contributed much to the quality of communication to the village through her work on the Website, Newsletters and other Publicity including our shiny new Noticeboard has departed from the village becoming a Magistrate in Bournemouth but she managed to enrol Ali Arnold into the Communications role before leaving. We send her our thanks for all she has achieved and at the same time welcomed Ali into her new role.
 - b. We welcomed three new Trustees in this last year, Pete Newton, David Ainscough and for a brief period, Angela Wenham all of whom have

- contributed significantly to the Village before and since becoming Trustees.
- c. Events – another lively year kicked off with our Coronation Street Party on the Green with Angela Wenham as our Queen, our most successful Village Fete in both funds for charities and fun for participants and the crowd, the BBQ on the Green became BBQ in the Village Hall then in the Hall garden with a jolly crowd as there was at the November Bring & Share event and finally Carols on the Green which became Carols in the Hall where all were in good voice well accompanied by splendid musicians. This coming year's events are well underway with the Fete well into the planning stages but not too late to offer your talents and don't miss an Italian Get Together on the 11th May. Other events will be publicised in monthly Newsletters, never forgetting the trusty Dubber.
 - d. Worth Film Club deserves a special mention as it goes from strength to strength. Claude's and Peter's commitment and choices have made it part of the village fabric.
 - e. Other clubs and organisations are regular users of the Village Hall including Sustainable Worth, The National Trust, The Lunch Club, Sports & Snooker Club (also known as the Youth Club) and Church Services are being held regularly in the Hall whilst repairs on the roof, and now the replacement of the beams, continue.
 - f. The Acting Chair was also keen to recognise other functions taken on by the Trustees: Finance - John Hynan, our long standing and expert Treasurer's report is below, Rick Gould who has managed a large complex refurbishment project over recent years also reported on progress and future plans, Rob Loble, now supported by Pete Newton looks after Bookings and the day to day management, gardening and care taking. His report will be found on our website. Dawn Cosh is an important member of Rick's Refurbishment team and involvement from the Liz Hoad, Church Community Team and Ceri Vosper, Parish Council helps to keep us connected with other key Village Institutions.
 - g. As we implement our planned improvements to this quite unique venue and our reserves have reduced the Trustees have shifted their focus to fund raising events and activities and we will look to the village to support this important project. Ideas will be welcomed.
2. **Financial Statements** for the year ended 31 December 2023 – John Hynan delivered his report touching briefly on the key elements of Income and Expenditure, the increases on the likes of electricity which will double this year, and reinforcing the need for fund raising to support the refurbishment programme. He mentioned the importance of the rent from School House, the increase in that which will take effect this June and what a good tenant our current one has been over the last 10 years or so.

The Financial Statement can be viewed in full on our website in the Useful Links Tab, but in essence:

Receipts for the year amounted to £14,595 (2022 £12,995), expenditure was £20,792 (2022 £36,330) resulting in a deficit for the year of £6,197 (2022 deficit £23,335). Income including the rental from the School House £6,580 (2022 £6,300) and hall hire income of £3,512 (2022 £3,259). Included in payments is £9,898 (2022 £21,896) of repairs and improvements, being part of the improvement project mentioned below.

The deficit of £6,197 has reduced the cash resources of the Trust to £48,129 (2022 £54,326). It is anticipated that these cash balances will reduce as the planned improvement project progresses.

The Accounts for 2023 were approved.

3. **Planned Investments** – Rick Gould gave us an insight into the Repairs and Refurbishments project that he is managing as he has been now over the last 4 years when Covid and the consequential delays and price increases forced us into making many changes, something he has managed with considerable expertise. His report can be viewed on the website but in essence he summarised the work completed in this last year - mainly structural though with some elements like roof repairs, guttering & external lighting being more visible. This year will see work on smartening up and improving the facility for hirers – internal decoration, wiring and lighting, full refurbishment of WCs with replacement fittings and fixtures and some outside decoration and improvements.
4. **Election/re-election of Committee Members**
 - a. Proposals for Election of Committee Members – all but Nick Viney and Claire Barnes have indicated they are prepared to remain as Trustees. Proposed by Liz Hoad, seconded by Margret McAllister all existing Trustees were re-elected.
 - b. Jack stated that this now left 4 Trustee vacancies and Rick mentioned that with a full complement of Trustees the load can be spread so as not to become onerous. Jack invited others to consider putting themselves forward for this important role in our village.
5. **Events update** – see above
6. **Public discussion** – contributions made here and throughout the meeting are included in the relevant sections above.
7. **Any other business** - none
8. **Date of next meeting** – to be announced next year, nearer the time