

Shalfleet Village Hall

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held in the Hall on Friday May 12th 2017

Apologies: None

Minutes of the 2016 AGM were tabled and approved nem con (Pr Hilary Sec Chloe)

Chairman's Report: It has been another successful year with a reasonable surplus and steady bookings. We have achieved a good local reputation, and further afield, for wedding receptions, birthday parties and wakes. We now have a good website and a noticeboard on the village stores.

All this progress is very much due to the efforts of the committee members.

Michael is officially Treasurer, but he has also kept a close eye on any repair work needed, carried out maintenance himself and together with Maureen cleaning work too. Michele is efficient with the booking system, while Hilary has continued to provide the popular community lunches and Chloe ensures that we maintain a proper approach to conservation and works hard to keep the orchard, hedges and meadow generally up to standard.

Booking Secretary's Report: Bookings for the Hall have been steady throughout the year. We have several regular groups using it on a weekly/bi-weekly basis.

These include Yoga classes, a craft group, the church choir, a music group, the ever-popular Lunch Club run by Hilary, which is of great benefit to our community as a whole. Next week another regular fitness class is starting for Pilates.

Other uses for our hall has been our Annual Fete, wedding celebrations (of which we have had several successful ones - those concerned have been respectful of the local residential area, the hall and its surroundings), birthday parties for all age groups (we are a favourite for children's parties at the moment, mainly because there is parking available and the whole area is safe for young ones). The Carers' Association hold respite days, the occasional exhibition and commercial meetings, church training days, Parish Council meetings and a Polling Station.

Those who have hired the hall have been happy with the facilities we provide, the inside and outside areas, plus the parking facility we provide.

There are spaces available for others to come along and use the hall. Our rates are very reasonable and the hall is well looked after.

Treasurer's Report: The accounts were tabled and show a surplus of £1283.53, somewhat less than the previous year but £1753 was paid out on renovation of the floor and windows. Regular bookings provide the backbone of the income received. He felt that our financial position was sound.

On the maintenance side, a very thorough sanding and re-sealing of the floor was carried out and the south-facing windows renovated, while a new noticeboard was installed at the village store.

There were queries from the floor about the type of lights fitted in the hall (they had been originally chosen to suit a barn-like appearance and were found to be

more than adequate) and care of the floor surface (we are aware of the need to beware stilettos)

Report on the Meadow: Chloe explained the main problem at present is finding someone willing to cut and remove the hay (the quantity involved is too small to attract most and any tractor needs to be small to get through the entrance). Work has been carried out to trim the hedging and maintain the orchard and compost heap.

Open Forum:

1. It was noted that no representative of the Parish Council had been nominated for the Hall Committee - a request would be made for the vacancy to be filled.
2. Helena (Chairperson of the Parish Council) felt that the PC noticeboard in the churchyard by the bus stop was in need of replacement - the PCC would be asked to request this of the PC.
3. It was mentioned that the Hall Committee were getting contractors to extend the paving from the hall to the annexe in September - primarily to facilitate the movement of chairs. Also, signs were being made to be installed at the Church Lane/main road junction and by the entrance gate to help visitors to find their way to the hall.
4. Helena was keen to promote an event at the hall to celebrate Isle of Wight Day (September 23rd). The date has been provisionally booked but organisers for an event need to be found.

Election of Management Committee:

Chloe Sutherland was now a member of the PCC and therefore nominated alongside Brian by them to represent them on the Hall Committee.

Michael, Michele and Hilary were the remaining members and, in the absence of any other nominations from the Community, were elected nem con (Pr Brian Sec Chloe).

AOB: There was none.

The meeting closed at 2020.