

Shalfleet Village Hall

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held in the Hall on Friday May 4th 2018

Present: Brian Mead (Chairman), Chloe Sutherland, Hilary Waitt, Maureen Beavis, Michael Beavis (Treasurer), Helena Hewson, & Shirley Stables.

Apologies: Gillian Head & Michele Smith (Bookings Secretary)

Minutes of the 2017 AGM were tabled and approved nem con (Pr. Hilary Sec. Chloe)

Chairman's Report:

Brian welcomed everyone attending.

It has been another satisfactory year with an excellent team who have all contributed. All this progress is very much due to the efforts of the committee members. Michael is officially Treasurer and keeps the accounts meticulously, but he has also kept a close eye on any repair work, PAT testing, Fire Alarms & carried out maintenance himself and together with Maureen the cleaning work too. Michele is efficient with the booking system, arranging viewings for new hirers & unlocks the Hall, while Hilary has continued to provide the popular best value lunches on the Island 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. We have gained Gill Head (representative from the Shalfleet Parish Council) on the committee who is a good source of opinion. The path extension has been delayed due to weather but should happen soon with the field now drying out. The car park extension (but in a limited way) will be the next project undertaken. There are pressures due to the closure of the Mill Road car park. New "Village Hall" signs have been made but not yet erected as we are waiting for diocese approval. The website has been improved by Mike Osborne and is now an excellent asset.

Booking Secretary's Report: (Given by Michael in Michele's absence)

The regular weekly hirers are the backbone of our bookings.

Every week there are three yoga classes by Sally Chaucer and Sandy Capon, a craft class by Peggy Hewson, two music clubs by Jon Stone and Steve Porter and not forgetting Pamela Rose's church choir use the hall weekly.

The hall has a good reputation for children and adult parties with around twenty bookings each year. The Isle of Wight council hired the hall twice as a polling station in 2017, although none expected in 2018. The Shalfleet Parish Council use the hall three times a year for their parish meetings. There are usually two weddings and two funerals each year. The other yearly staple is our August Bank Holiday fete

which is a good income source, although heavily dependant on an army of around sixty volunteers to make it a success. The Lunch Club continues to be very well supported and usually meets twice a month apart from June to August.

Quite a few extra bookings are now coming through our website. Notably children's birthday parties, adult parties, company parties, clergy meetings, and self help groups.

The hoped for Pilates class folded after one week due to lack of demand and change of heart by the organiser. The hoped for whist drive never materialised due to lack of demand. The enquiry for an Apple Day was lost to Wellow Millennium Green.

On the plus side the two music classes that started late in 2016 and in mid 2017 have both settled down and have both become a very worthwhile addition. Also just started at Easter this year is another yoga class by Sally Chaucer.

We have had two enquiries this year from organisations wanting to hire our car park due to the recent closure of the one in Mill Road. We have been prepared to help out if there is no clash with our exiting hirers. In the future we will request a charge of £1 per vehicle per visit.

Treasurer's Report:

Our 2017 hire rates remained the same as 2016, and will stay unchanged in 2018.

Our accounts show a very healthy 27% increase in income in 2017. Up from £6500 to £8300. This increase is due to increased bookings largely from the music clubs, yoga clubs, lunch club and birthday parties. The biggest contributors are the weekly hirers but the biggest single contributor is the fete income which we share with the PCC.

The expenditure in 2017 fell by 17% from £5200 to £4300. The reduction is due to the fact that in 2016, both the floor was sanded and resealed, and the windows repainted. Neither were needed to be repeated last year. We also managed to negotiate a very large reduction in our calor costs, this saving will be approximately £400 each year.

As a consequence of increased income and falling expenditure our surplus for the year has risen to £4000, which has boosted our bank balance to £10000.

Some of this surplus has already been spent on the new storage trolleys for our tables and a replacement fridge and freezer for our kitchen. The remainder of the surplus will be spent during the summer. Work has already started on making some new trestle tables for the fete. Sanding and resealing the floor has been booked for early August. Extending the path up to the Annexe has been waiting for dry weather to start. Hopefully it will start in the next few weeks. Once completed we plan to extend the car park by a few feet into the field to allow space for cars to park next to field as well as by the churchyard wall.

Report on the Meadow:

Ian Brett has started cutting the hay in the field for a reasonable price and does a good and very careful job. Chloe together with Ted & Hilary Higgins have topped the hedge with the new graveyard (next year plan to do the sides). Chloe has planted

an extra tree in the orchard and reports the service tree and walnut tree are growing well. We now have a new resident in the copse as a red squirrel has been sighted making a dray there. In keeping with our environmental obligations we have started regular strimming of a path to the orchard, the long grass at the car park edges and the grass strip in front of the Hall.

Open Forum:

Hilary actively encourages people to attend the lunch club as the price at £3.00 is dependent on maintaining 50-60 participants.

Helena is looking for volunteers to help with the updating of the Shalfleet Parish Community plan. She encourages us to develop an activity (eg litter picking etc) for the Isle of Wight Day on Saturday 22nd September.

Election of Management Committee:

Chloe and Brian as members of the PCC are nominated to represent them on the Hall Committee. Subsequent to the meeting Gill Head has stepped down from the committee and Shalfleet Parish Council have nominated Ian Broad in her place. Michael, Michele and Hilary are the remaining members and, in the absence of any other nominations from the Community, were elected nem con (Pr Brian Sec Chloe).

AOB: Hilary suggested we ask Irene Groves to be our secretary (position has been vacant for the last year). All agreed it would be excellent. Subsequent to meeting Irene has been approached and has agreed to be our secretary and take the minutes.

The meeting closed at 2010.