

**Minutes of the Village Hall Committee Annual General Meeting
held Monday 10th March 2014 at Great Easton Village Hall**

Present:

Flick Craven (Chair)

Alice Murdock

Shirley Connan (Treasurer)

Tim Smith

Val McKeggie

Marie Harrison-Butlin (Caretaker)

Nora Clarke

Vickie Halliday

Margaret Stamp

Kay Mitchell (Minutes)

Also present Alan Wilmer as observer.

Apologies:

David Gibley

Sally Armstrong

Meeting

The minutes of the previous Annual General meeting were read and agreed

There were no matters arising from these minutes

The Chair announced that Sally Armstrong, Elizabeth Hankey, Haylea Smith and Shirley Connan are resigning from the Committee. In addition Flick and David Gibley would also be resigning, therefore the post of Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer would be vacant.

Chair's Report

The chair expressed a special thank you to David Gibley (Vice Chair) for his help and support, especially during the previous year where the heating, lighting, plumbing, windows, roof, chairs and carpets have been replaced or repaired, leaving the fabric of the V.H. in a good state.

The rental of the Committee Room to the Parish Council has been a positive move as the room is now in use and brings in a small income.

Work has started to re-paint the Main Hall. The Fire Door glass has been replaced and an area on the stage repaired.

Flick asked the New Committee to delay change of signatories on the cheque book until any outstanding work has been completed so that the above can be paid.

Accidents are covered by public liability in the insurance but the VH are not covered if a potential risk has been pointed out to one of the Committee and then not acted upon.

The Chair expressed a thank you to Shirley for keeping the books and providing the float, buying the booze and keeping our finances secure.

Flick expressed her thanks to outgoing committee members. Thank you to Sally Armstrong who has been on the Committee for some time. Sally has always brought creativity and humour to everything she has been involved with.

Thanks were given to Elizabeth Hankey, as well as Good Luck as she is moving house and getting married this year.

Haylea Smith is also standing down and she has been fantastic member and quiz master with Tim.

Thanks were expressed to all remaining committee members for their support, as well as those in the community who attend to the gardens and provide funds to the VH from their fund raising activities.

Treasurer Report

Shirley Connan advised that at the start of the year the Committee had £13,700 in the funds. The cost of the roof, £11,500 has eaten into VH finances.

Rental income has been down £2000 on previous year. The projection for the end of year (2014) is £3900.00 from rentals.

There have been three fund raising events, Jumble Sale, Quiz and Chips and Party in the Park however event profits are also down by £500, bringing in £950 this year.

Donations have come from Cath Lupton from the Line Dancing group (£212).

Gas and electric continue to rise and has increased by £400 this year. Insurance has also gone up by £60. Rentals would usually cover running costs but this hasn't been the case this year.

Closing balance of £5363.00 however VH will need to find new users over the coming year, possibly by marketing the Village Hall for functions.

Caretaker's Report

Marie reported that Hall bookings were down during 2013 by 180 compared to the previous year. In addition the closure of regular groups such as After School Club, Messy Play and Zumba have all impacted.

There has been a new manhole cover installed, as well as the Committee room door. A new Hoover has also been provided.

The Comments Book has been a success and is working well to improve communications.

Marie expressed thanks to Judith for providing cover while she was away. She is happy to continue in the Caretaker role.

Election of Officers

The position of Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer are vacant with the role of Secretary to be discussed.

Tim Smith was proposed as Chairperson, and this was seconded by Val McKeggie

Alice Murdock was proposed as Vice Chair, seconded by Margaret Stamp

Vicky Halliday was nominated as Treasurer, seconded by Margaret Stamp.

Kay Mitchell agreed to continue as Secretary, seconded by Tim Smith

At this point the Chair and Treasurer left the meeting.

Alan Wilmer who was observing the AGM indicated he wished to join the committee. He was invited by Marie Harrison-Butlin.

The new Chair Tim Smith welcomed Alan Wilmer and Vicky Halliday to the VH Committee

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