

# **Minutes of Great Easton Village Hall Committee Annual General Meeting**

**Held 27 May 2020 at 10.30 am via Zoom (Virtual)**

## **Present**

Margaret Stamp  
Louisa Feltham  
Alice Murdock  
Tim Smith (Chair)  
Kay Mitchell  
Lorna Bryant  
Vikki Halliday

## **Apologies**

Sally Armstrong

There were no guests

Meeting started at: 10.45

Minutes of the previous AGM were read and agreed  
There were no Matters Arising

## **Chair's Report**

(copy on website)

### **Great Easton Village Hall Chairman's Report - May 2020**

In the year March 2019 to the start of lockdown due to the Covid19 pandemic in March 2020, the Village Hall had another successful year. Improvements this year included a refurbishment of the stage area and the replacement of the Hall crockery.

As always, I would like to thank the Committee for their continued hard work and commitment in helping to organise and run our events and in keeping the Hall in good running order.

This year we held three fund raising events (Quiz & Chilli Night, a talk by Julian Evans and a Table-Top Sale) as well as helping with the Village Summer Bonanza which replaced the Church Fete, Extra funds were raised from the sale of the Great Easton Tea Towels. We also organised tea and biscuits after the Remembrance Services which was very well received and I hope we will be able to do this again this year.

Looking forward to this year, at the moment we are unable to plan any fundraising, however once lockdown ends, I am sure there will be a keen

interest from the Village to get together again, whether for a quiz, a post Covid19 party or the return of Mark Howson's music promotions.

Since the lockdown started in March, the hall has been unused by our regular groups, which has obviously brought our income down to zero, however we have been fortunate to be given a grant from Harborough District Council which will keep the finances healthy for the moment.

The Garden Task Force had continued to meet once a month until the lockdown, keeping the garden in good order. I would like to thank the members of the Committee, and the regular gardeners, Cath Lupton, Margaret Tyler, Julia Brittain and Celia Pocock.

In December 2019, the Church moved their Parish Office out of the Village Hall and relocated to St Giles Church in Medbourne. We have kept the broadband facility as this has proven useful for several of the Hall users and we are exploring options for the use of the meeting room.

Finally, I would like to thank Cath Lupton for the donation from the Line Dancing group which funds the hanging baskets, and to Alice for getting and maintaining them. To Mark & Diane Howson at the shop for the help with ticket sales, advertising and the generous donations from:

- Margaret Stamp from the sale of the Great Easton Calendars
- The Maude Elkington Trust for our new crockery

### **Finance Report**

(copy available on request)

This year Vikki has produced a report that covers 15 months as we bring our financial reporting in line with the Parish Council.

Income this financial year - £16,790.88

Expenditure during the same period £17,349.21.

The largest expenditure this year was the stage refurbishment.

Current balance £18261.03 (which includes the £10K lockdown-grant from HDC)

### **Caretaker's Report (Verbal)**

Sally reported (via Tim) that there have been no issues at the Hall since the incident with the Youth Club earlier this year. Since lockdown, the Hall has been used for storage by the Village Shop and is being regularly checked for any issues whilst it is not in use.

## **Election Of Officers**

All the existing Officers were happy to continue

Chair: Tim nominated by Alice seconded by KM

Vice Chair: Louisa nominated Alice, seconded by MS

Treasurer: Tim nominated Vikki seconded by AM

Secretary: Louisa nominated Kay seconded by AM

## **AOB**

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**Meeting ended 11.05am**