

Minutes of the Great Easton Village Hall Committee

Annual General Meeting

Held Wednesday 24 March 2021 at 10:30 Via Zoom (Virtual)

Present

Tim Smith (Chair)
Sally Armstrong
Vikki Halliday
Kay Mitchell (Minutes)
Alice Murdock
Margaret Stamp

Apologies

Lorna Bryant
Louisa Feltham

The meeting was advertised to the general public. There were no guests

Meeting started at: 10:30

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

Chair's Report

(copy on website)

The start of the last year was marked by the National Lockdown due to the Covid19 pandemic. The Hall closed for business on Friday 20th March and whilst closed, was used for storage for the Village Shop.

With a Covid-safe set of procedures in place (in line with Government guidance) the easing of lockdown restrictions allowed us to welcome a handful of bookings. However, this was short lived and sadly the Hall has been unused for the vast majority of the year.

We have been fortunate to qualify for over £20,000 in Government grants as a result the ongoing pandemic, so we have not had to worry too much about the hall finances.

Thanks to the regular Garden Task Force who kept the garden in good order throughout the year, either individually or as a team, when permitted. Special thanks also go to Bob Mitchell and Paul Brittain for their winter hedge clearance. We have also had to search for a new grass cutter as Barry Penfold retired last year. Lorraine Robins has kindly offered to take over these duties.

Since the Church moved out of the Meeting Room, there have been discussions about its possible future use and Alice Murdock is leading these to explore the use

of the room, as a potential store for the Great Easton Historic Archive. The room will also remain usable for hire by other groups when needed.

I would like to thank Alice for organising the highly successful “What I am Looking Forward To” art exhibition in the Village Hall windows and also pass on a big thank you to all those that have contributed.

As always, I would like to thank the Committee for their help and support through this challenging year. Whilst we have not had any fundraising events to organise, we have had to continually review our procedures to ensure we are able to offer a Covid safe environment when we are permitted to open our doors again.

Looking forward to this year, hopefully we will be able to hold some events later once the Covid19 pandemic situation improves, but we will hold off planning anything too far in advance.

Finally, I would like to thank Cath Lupton for the donation from the Line Dancing group which funds our hanging baskets, and to Alice for purchasing and maintaining them. I would also like to thank the following for their kind donations:

- Margaret Stamp from the sale of the Great Easton Calendars
- Phillip Kendal (100 club winnings)
- Anne Lang

Finance Report **(copy available on request)**

The full profit and loss accounts comparison won't be available until the end of the month however the Village Hall finances are in very good shape thanks to the Government grants.

The current balance is £28,729.79 in the HSBC account plus £758.52 in petty cash. Once the outstanding 100 Club payments for the rest of the year and the play equipment grant is set aside, the grand total of £28,613.31 will be available.

Caretaker's Report (verbal)

Sally reported that due to the Hall not being in use throughout the year her roll has been minimal. Alongside Tim and Alice, Sally has undertaken regular inspections to ensure the Hall is in good order (for insurance purposes) and to undertake any maintenance tasks that have appeared.

Election of Officers

Our existing Officers were happy to continue:

- Chair: Tim nominated by Kay seconded by Alice
- Vice Chair: Sally nominated Alice, seconded by Tim
- Treasurer: Tim nominated Vikki seconded by Margaret
- Secretary: Alice nominated Kay seconded by Sally

Meeting ended 10:51