

Minutes of the Enford Village Hall Annual General Meeting held Tuesday 15th September 2015

Present:

Judy D'Arcy-Irvine, Steve Becker, Hamish Scott-Dalgleish, Kriss Mitchell, Jacqui Elkins, Hannah Tucker, Anthony D'Arcy-Irvine, Jane Young, Ollie Stagg.

Members of the Public:

David Harbottle, Amanda Farrow.

Apologies:

Sally Parker, Martin Webb, David Spencer.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday 16th September 2014

The draft Minutes had been discussed at the Committee Meeting on 6 November 2014 with an agreement to recommend them for approval. Copies of the draft Minutes had previously been distributed and additional copies were also available to attendees. Chairman asked if there were any questions or amendments.

Amanda Farrow asked for an amendment in the Minutes regarding her report on Page 96 Enford & Chisenbury Fete Committee, 3rd line. It should read "The profit was down £300-£400".

Following this amendment the Minutes were approved as a true record. Proposed by Steve Becker, seconded by Anthony D'Arcy-Irvine and agreed unanimously.

2. Matters Arising

None.

3. Treasurer's Report including Annual Accounts 2014-2015:

Hannah Tucker reported that the annual accounts had been independently audited by Kim Riche and the Management Committee had approved the accounts at an earlier meeting.

Income totalled £14,083.50 and Expenditure totalled £13,304.08 giving a small surplus of £779.42

Hire figures are down, possibly due to fewer private bookings, and expenditure was lower due to fewer repairs. The investment account totalled £33,405 which is held in case of emergency repairs or capital cost replacements.

Approval of the accounts was proposed by Ollie Stagg, seconded by Jacqui Elkins and agreed unanimously.

4. Chairman's Report

"The year has again been very successful and I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and support: In particular, Hannah Tucker for taking over as Treasurer and Kim Riche for auditing this year's annual accounts.

Also Steve Becker, David Spencer and Hamish Scott Dalgleish for their hard work in maintaining the building and grounds to such a high standard.

The Village Hall would not be in the strong position it is today without the support of all members of the community, the Parish Council and the Fete Committee. I would like to thank them for their generous donations which help to keep hire charges down for everyone.

Hirers are particularly appreciative that the hall and grounds are maintained to such a high standard. Due to the number of bookings hire charges can be kept at the same level for a further year, and the simplified system should be easier to understand. We do need to continue to market the hall in a competitive market to ensure we cover running costs and expenses. We cannot always rely on volunteers giving up time every year to help maintain the building but are very lucky that committee members continue to give their time and energy in helping with events and repairs. We also continue to give concessions to some groups as an important contribution to the community. These subsidies amounted to just over £1,000 this past year.

In line with the Development Plan hire charges have been simplified, an additional fence was installed in the stockade providing extra security for the Klargest, a water softener was installed to help prevent lime scale affecting taps and showers, improvements have been made to the car park lighting system, key safes put up by the two entrances, and the five year Electrical Certification was carried out by Steve for the Insurance company.

Hallmaster, the online booking and invoicing system, had a few teething problems but is now better supported by the company concerned. They are upgrading the system with a new website and I suggest we renew our licence with them in November as it is beneficial as other designated committee members can amend and use the system as well as hirers being able to check online when dates are available. It is linked in to the Newsletter and the Wiltshire Village Halls Association website.

The Fete and Fireworks Events are very popular and thanks are due to the Fete Committee for arranging these so successfully.

Ongoing from last year's report it is difficult to attract new recreational and sporting clubs as organisers, teachers and volunteers are needed to get these started. Responses to the Parish Plan questionnaire suggested tennis, children's rugby and cricket, athletics, amateur dramatics, craft clubs, dancing, singing, archery, darts, bingo, zumba – the list is almost endless!! If you have a talent or would like to help set any of these up, the Committee can promise full support.

The current Clubs and User Groups are continuing to run successfully. The Film Club screened nine films this year. Ollie Stagg works very hard with the children's Saturday morning coaching sessions. The Red Lion Football Club has closed but a new Enford Football Club will continue to play in the Sunday Salisbury League.

Future Events include the WW1 Event this coming Saturday, a Concert on 10th October, a fundraising event on 24th October to display the blankets being made by members of the community in aid of the Church, Hallowe'en and Fireworks on 31st October, the Remembrance Sunday Lunch on 8th November, and a theatre production "A Christmas Carol" on 8th December.

5. Maintenance Officer's Report

No report was available.

6. Grounds Officer's Report

Hamish Scott-Dalgleish reported there are more rabbits than ever but not a lot can be done. One wooden bollard has rotted and needs to be replaced.

7. Reports from Community Groups & User Group Representatives.

Community Groups:

Parish Council

Anthony D'Arcy-Irvine reported that a solar farm company has put in an outline planning application for a solar farm in Coombe. The project is currently being discussed and researched. The Parish Council has set up a sub committee to put together a case to object to the development.

Parochial Church Council

Judy D'Arcy-Irvine reported there is a major roof problem which will cost in the region of £90,000 to £100,000 to rectify. A grant is being sought to help with this but a lot of fundraising will need to be also need to be done. The Church Christmas Fair on 28th November will be more of a village affair this year.

Enford Newsletter

Jacqui Elkins reported that it runs along very well, although more contributions for articles would be welcome. It may be necessary to send out donation envelopes next year but this has yet to be decided.

Parish Plan Steering Committee

Steve Becker reported that this is now complete and in the hands of the Parish Council to take it forward.

User / Club Groups:

Youth Club

Kriss Mitchell reported that the Youth Club had recently said goodbye to four key adult leaders and have been busy with a recruitment drive to find more helpers. Four people have come forward to help for which we are very grateful and all are CRB checked by Youth Action Wiltshire. There are currently 60 members and we see around 30 to 40 each week, although this figure drops off in the winter months. We had a great weekend at Oxenwood again this year, thanks to the generosity of the Community Fund. Activities included archery, rifle shooting, cycling, wall climbing and canoeing. Rhys, one of our Young Leaders, read a poem at the Remembrance Day Service and we made and laid a wreath alongside the other wreaths at the Lychgate. We hope the club will continue to be successful and maybe more helpers will come forward.

Enford Junior Football Club

Ollie reported that the club is doing well. He pointed out that Enford Junior Football Club is totally separate from the new senior Enford Football Club which has replaced the Red Lion Football Team and is now run by Kevin Bennetts

Red Lion Football Club

This has now closed down and Kevin Bennetts has formed a new Enford Football Club which will be part of the Salisbury Sunday League.

Short Mat Bowls Club

No report available but it was noted that this club plays elsewhere and outdoors during the summer months.

Film Club

It was reported that this is going well and there have been nine films over the last year.

Camera Club

No report.

Gardening Club

David Harbottle reported that numbers go up and down but still enjoyable. The next meeting will be on 8th October.

Enford & Chisenbury Fete Committee

Amanda Farrow reported that it was a good year for the fete and profits are expected to be better than last year. She thanked the Village Hall committee for their help and Hamish for organizing the insurance. There were more dogs, the bar ran dry and everyone had fun. The Community Fund is waiting for the September applications for funding to come in. £16,445 has been given in donations since 2011, mostly within the community. It also paid for the new notice board in the village. Judy thanked Amanda for everything they do.

8. Election of Four Committee Members

Steve Becker, David Spencer, Hannah Tucker and Jane Young.
Proposed by Kriss and seconded by Ollie.

9. Any Other Business

Broadband for the Village Hall. The Hall has a Wibe box which can be activated and topped up on a pay as you go system. For unlimited access the obvious solution would be to install a phone line to the Village Hall through BT. Further research is needed into whether is a need and what the costs would be to set this up with a monthly line rental package.

10. Date of Next AGM Meeting

The next AGM will take place on Tuesday 13 September 2016 and a notice will be published in the July 2016 Enford Newsletter.

Before the meeting closed Steve Becker thanked Judy for her commitment and hard work is ensuring the success of the Village Hall. This was agreed by all in attendance.

Judy thanked everyone for coming and the meeting closed at 8.55pm.