

Minutes of the Enford Village Hall Annual General Meeting

Held on Tuesday 19th September 2017

Present: Judy D'Arcy-Irvine, Rosemary Cox, Maggie Maund, Hannah Tucker, Jacqui Elkins, Jane Young

Members of the Public: David Harbottle

1. **Apologies:** Anthony D'Arcy-Irvine, David Spencer, Ollie Stagg, Hamish Scott-Dalglish, Amanda Farrow

2. **Approval of the Minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday 13th September 2016:**
The Committee had reviewed the draft AGM Minutes at the 8th November 2016 meeting and agreed that they were a true and accurate record. The WiBe box for wifi internet connection @ £12.50 per month was proving popular with hirers. The Treasurer's Report was correct and showed a £3K surplus. The stolen benches were going to be replaced and research was ongoing for the skateboard park at Grants Road.

There is no longer a mouse problem although the grounds are still suffering from moles.

Possibilities for a Skateboard Park and Allotments are still being addressed by the Parish Council.

Judy thanked everyone for their hard work over the previous year.

The Minutes had been read and agreed as an accurate record by all. Proposed by Rosemary Cox and seconded by Maggie Maund.

3. **Matters Arising:**

The Scottish Widows deposit account was to be moved into the Shawbrook Account with an interest rate of 1.3%. Judy had emailed Mike Nash to ask when the new benches could be concreted in. The decision regarding the grant application for new lightweight round tables should be received in October. An application had also been made to Enford Community Fund with Amanda Farrow hopefully letting Judy know the result at the end of the month.

4. **Treasurer's Report including Annual Accounts 2016-2017:**

Hannah Tucker reported that the annual accounts had been independently audited by Kim Riche.

Hannah distributed the Funds Analysis document for 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 and the Enford Village Hall Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2017. Hannah said that there was a surplus of £974 and the accounts were just about breaking even. Income was down a little, probably due to less one off local hires for weddings and birthdays etc. Although the Youth Club was no longer using the VH, classes and sessions had slightly increased with the Art Club and Sewing Bee contributing a little more. Income from the Film Club was down due to lower attendance but it was still viable.

The 'Twelfth Night' event had not been as well attended as last year's 'Midsummer Night's Dream' performance with a consequent reduction in income from ticket sales.

Hannah said £200 interest from Scottish Widows had been received in July. Donations and grants were down. Other expenditure included shutter maintenance (certificate had arrived and the stickers to confirm servicing had been put on the shutters) and grounds maintenance carried out by Hamish and Liam Scott. Fees for licences were slightly increased as the licence for Public Performing Rights covered two years. A new expense had arisen from a £12.50 payment per month for WiFi connection.

There was £10,999 in the bank account at the end of the year. A floor polisher and new, replacement benches had been purchased. No charges had been raised this year but if Hamish decides to 'retire' costs for grounds maintenance would increase considerably. It was hoped he would continue as regular maintenance could cost as much as £2K with an outside contractor. Liam Scott, however, may be able to add mowing to his maintenance schedule, but costs would still increase.

VH classes were popular but the committee discussed whether trying to attract new classes not being provided elsewhere may appeal to help increase usage of the hall and hire income. All members to try and research potential leads.

Rates have not increased for 9 years and it was hoped that they would not need to be put up for another year or two.

Other Village Halls were also having difficulties with attracting the public to organised events such as concerts, film and quiz nights, etc. Perhaps increasingly home entertainment channels on TV may be having an effect as well as busy family commitments.

Hannah said the auditor, Kim Riche was content with the accounts and Hannah and Judy extended their thanks to Kim for undertaking the auditing. Judy thanked Hannah for her hard work in maintaining the accounts.

The approval of the accounts was proposed by Jane Young and seconded by Rosemary Cox.

5. Chairman's Report:

Judy said that this year had again been successful. Although there had been fewer weddings with four this year, there had been some private functions, all of which help keep hire charges down for both clubs and classes. She thanked everyone for their hard work and support.

Clive Bullen, Martin Browne and Bushan Vohora are continuing to help with the Film Club which is still popular, although average numbers have dropped from about 40 to 20-25 (with 20 the break-even number). This drop may be because of increased iplayer and catch up TV together with Netflix and Sky. Other volunteers would be welcome to help with the bar and setting up. Judy thanked David Spencer for helping with maintenance and Hamish Scott-Dagleish for his hard work keeping the grounds in such good condition. Hamish is now helped by Liam Scott who strims and cuts

hedges etc. on a fortnightly basis during the summer season. She thanked Kim Riche for auditing this year's annual accounts and Hannah for running them.

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The VH would not be in the strong position it is today without the support of all members of the community, the Parish Council, the Fete Committee and also the Hub. Judy thanked them for their generous donations which help keep hire charges down for everyone.

Hire charges should be able to remain at their current level for another year although we do need to market the hall in a competitive market to ensure we cover running costs and expenses.

Judy said we cannot always rely on volunteers giving up their time to help maintain the building but are very lucky that committee members continue to do so, helping with events and repairs. We also continue to give concessions to some groups and charities as an important contribution to the community.

It is difficult to attract new recreational and sporting clubs as organisers, teachers and volunteers are needed to get these started. If anyone would like to help set any of these up, the Committee can promise full support.

All user groups are continuing to run successfully. Ollie Stagg and Steve Todd work very hard with the children's Saturday morning coaching sessions. Enford Football Club has unfortunately has closed down as it is unable to attract enough players. As the Youth Club had had problems recruiting volunteers to help in Enford, after forty years in the village, the club moved to Netheravon and Phoenix Hall in March.

Future events include Halloween and Fireworks on 28th October, the Remembrance Sunday Lunch on 12 November. Date to be confirmed for a supper and concert evening with the Pewsey Male Voice Choir.

Future projects include replacing the heavy wooden round tables with lightweight ones and upgrading the car park lighting. Following some minor vandalism and thefts we have obtained quotations and looked into the possibility of the installation of CCTV (however, this may be left unless things get worse). Grants may be available for these projects.

Judy thanked everyone again and asked if anyone had any questions which she would be pleased to answer. There were none.

6. Maintenance Officer's Report:

No problems to report.

7. Grounds Officer's Report:

Hamish will be contacting someone to help resolve the mole issue.

8. Reports from Community Groups and User Group Representatives:

Community Groups:

a. Parish Council: An application for an entrance from the old Mink Farm onto the A345 had been turned down due to it being too dangerous. The resurfacing of the Enford area of the A345 was scheduled but is considered a low priority.

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Wiltshire Council has said the land for a skate board park and allotments would only be available on a seven year lease and it is still an ongoing issue. The allotments may be a viable idea if water was available in the proposed area. The Parish Hall has to consult the village about its future if it has to close down.

b. Parochial Church Council: Approximately £110K has been raised for the repairs to the church roof and North Aisle valley and slates. The scaffolding has been erected and work will start shortly to be hopefully finished by Christmas.

Thanks to community effort, the project funding for the repairs are as follows; the PCC hold £7K in reserves, Blanket Appeal has £2,225, Enford Community Fund £1K, Samuel William Farmer Trust £2K, Priory Teas £777, Army Benevolent Fund Remembrance Day Lunch £564, Jeni Scott-Dalgleish Open Garden £238, Donations £350 and Gift Aid £87.50 making a total of £14,241.50. With an estimated VAT refund of £17,400 and with LPOWRRF grant of £76,700 this provides a total Project Budget of £108,341.50. Tom Hunter is the PCC lead on the project.

After the roof repairs have been completed, the next project is installing a PA system and the purchase of a new electronic organ if the faculty is approved by the Diocese.

The new rector, Philip Bromiley, is conducting four services a month. He is young, enthusiastic and amusing. Some younger families are now joining the services.

Any volunteers to help the PCC in any shape or form would be very welcome.

c. Enford Newsletter: The Newsletter made a small loss last year as no donation envelopes had been attached and so was £90 down. It is not in debt, however, and there are enough funds for the Newsletter to continue.

d. The Hub: There was no representative present but Judy thanked them for their donation towards the cost of the benches.

User / Club Groups:

a. Enford Junior Football Club: About twelve children take part and as the club is non-profit making, any charges go to the professional coaches. Ollie and Steve are very committed to the club.

b. Short Mat Bowls Club: The club is doing well.

c. Film Club: The next films scheduled are 'Viceroy's House' and 'My Cousin Rachel'.

d. Camera Club: This club has been running 8 years now with a regular membership of 20. The beginners course was very good with 15 people attending. Most sessions attract 10 – 15 people and have covered subjects such as; Know your

Camera, Camera Sensors, How to Take a Photo, Composition, Landscapes, Pet/Animals, Portraits and many other subjects.

Jane said that the club computer was slowing up and they may buy a new one,

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e. Gardening Club: The club meets every 2nd Thursday of the month and has a full autumn and winter programme. For example on 12th October, there will be 'Growing Flowers for your Home' with a guest speaker, Moira White, and 9th November is a flower arranging evening for a 'Victorian Christmas' with Maureen Hinton. There is no meeting in December and the next will be the AGM and social evening on January 11th 2018 – the new Chair is Elizabeth Young.

Numbers are up but new members are always welcome. Posters displaying of Gardening Club meetings can be placed on the board at the entrance to the VH as well as in the hall. The club publishes its events in the Enford Newsletter.

f. Enford and Chisenbury Fete Committee: Amanda submitted a report in which she said she would firstly like to thank the VH committee for their continued support and use of the facilities and in particular Hamish Scott-Dalglish, David Spencer and Jane Young for their individual help.

Unfortunately, neither the fireworks in October 2016 or this year's fete were quite the success of the previous two years; however both still made profit so there will still be a reasonable amount to add to the community fund this year. The accounts will be finalised as soon as possible after the end of September and copies will be sent to the VH and posted on the Newsletter website as usual. Publicity for the forthcoming fireworks event is being extended and the committee would be grateful if a poster might be put onto the noticeboard at the entrance to the hall as soon as possible.

There have been few applications for funding this year, the demise of the football teams has resulted in a small grant made to them earlier being returned to the fund. Applications received in September are currently being considered with decisions to be made by the end of the month.

The Newsletter has been requested to put into each issue the details of the fund and how to make an application.

9. Election of Four Committee Members:

The election of four committee members who have agreed to stand again are: Maggie, Jane, David and Hannah. David Harbottle proposed and Judy seconded and their election agreed unanimously. Election of representatives for Clubs and organisations will be conducted at the November meeting.

10. Any Other Business:

There being no other business to discuss, Judy thanked everyone for their attendance and reminded them that the next AGM would be held on Tuesday 11th September 2018.

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