

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29th MARCH  
2012 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

Committee Present: Mrs D Watts, Mrs. P White, Mrs. T Seward, Mrs. J Gray, Mrs. B Williams, Mr. K Johnson, Mrs. F Radford, Mrs J Robinson, Ms. Chris Wood and Mrs. I Cook.

Public Present: Mr. K Proctor.

**Chairman's Annual Statement 2012**

The committee have wonderfully fulfilled every element laid down in our charitable objectives. It is particularly gratifying to report that two long-standing items on our committee agenda have now been accomplished. Firstly, a youth member who fitted our very exacting criteria was recruited. Secondly, that a further gentleman is to join the committee and I'm sure that Keith Johnson will be very relieved to have some male moral support.

Over the past year we have been joined by Isobel Cook, Chris Wood, Fiona Radford & Jenny Robinson. Isobel has proved to be a wonderful asset with particular regard to collecting entrance money at our various events. Chris has become intimately acquainted with cloakroom ticket books & sticky tape as she is our new Tombola Queen. Fiona has taken over the organisation of the bar and has agreed to act as bar person, which is very brave considering her first event was a baptism of fire! Jenny has joined us towards the end of our year but has already provided lots of ideas for our upcoming events; particularly for the local children.

Although we have welcomed new members to the Committee it was with much regret that two of our longest-serving members had to retire as a result of ill-health. We very much miss both Joanne White & Josie Walker and I am sure that the Committee extends their unanimous gratitude to them both, for the many years of help & generous support they have given to the Village Hall.

Promotion of the Village Hall has been aided by the provision of an advertising board outside the hall which has resulted in increased private hire. The new highly-visible A-boards advertising the Coffee Mornings have attracted passing visitors to the events. Trish is thanked for organising these in addition to her care of our finances and running the book stall at the coffee mornings.

The Fish & Chip Quiz Night was again very successful, as was the Halloween Party. The monthly Coffee Mornings are still a prime fundraiser for us and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help with these. In particular, without Pearl & Brenda we would be hard-pressed to hold these every month and they are thanked for their commitment not only to providing coffee but also for their unstinting help at every event we hold.

Last July saw our biggest-ever event, in recent years; the Classic Car Day. It was an outstanding success, with many compliments received on the quality of the event and spread of attractions. There is no doubt that without Jane none of it would have been possible. The committee are indebted to her for arranging this, particularly in light of all the other tasks that she undertakes as Secretary. It was a wonderful day and did much to publicise our hall and the village generally.

As a result of everyone's hard work and commitment we have been able to have the exterior of the hall painted and a large part of the entrance footpath replaced.

I believe that the committee has excelled in their endeavours over the last year and extend my thanks to them all. Diana Watts 2012

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Copies of the balance sheet, income and expenditure were available for everyone present. The Treasurer went through income and expenditure and told the committee that income from lettings and social events had totalled £8,513.43, whilst regular expenditure came to £6,078.37. This included all utility bills, wages for the cleaner, insurance, licences, car park rent, tombola, entertainment and bar purchases. However this year the committee had replaced the guttering, paid for a new sign for the front of the building, and had the concrete path leading to the entrance renewed. The inspection for the Electrical Certificate had also taken place. In total, these additional expenses had come to £3,502.47 leaving a net loss of £1,019.74.

The closing bank balance including the Savings Account bond was £4,944.37.

### **Treasurer's overview**

In the Treasurer's opinion the coming year should see the committee trying to build up some more reserves and not spend unnecessarily. If these additional expenses had not occurred then a healthy profit would have been made. However, all the jobs undertaken had been necessary to the good upkeep of the hall, which must be a priority.

### **QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no questions.

### **THE COMMITTEE RESIGNS**

#### **ELECT COMMITTEE**

Mr Kevin Proctor proposed that the committee be re-elected en-bloc. Seconder Chris Wood and all agreed.

Mrs Jane Gray nominated that Kevin Proctor be elected onto the committee. He agreed to stand. The seconder was Ms Chris Wood and all agreed.

#### **ELECT CHAIRMAN**

The Secretary asked for nominations for the Chairman's post. Mrs B Williams proposed that the current Chairman Mrs Diana Watts be re-elected. She agreed to stand and this proposal was seconded by Mrs P White and all agreed. There were no other nominations. The other officers of the committee will be elected at the Committee meeting following this meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.