

# Piddington Village Hall Management Committee

Annual General Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018

## Minutes of Meeting

Committee Present : Chair Rosemary Cox , Sam Mylam , Treasurer Chris Weavers , Bob Dixon , Leslie Oldman.

The meeting was attended by Francesca Darby, Pat Feltbower, Pam Bridgeman, Morwen Ashton, Al Hopkins, Mario Terzino, Lynda Galloway, John Galloway and Trish Dixon.

Minutes recorded by Chris Weavers.

1. **Introductions** - Rosemary introduced the current committee members
2. **Apologies** - Apologies noted from committee members Sandra Paisley and Kim Elliott. Other apologies from Mike Ashton, Hazel and Andrew Coleman.
3. **Minutes** - Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 AGM were approved and signed. Proposed by John Galloway and seconded by Lynda Galloway.
4. **Chairs Report** – “Good evening ladies and gentlemen. Thank you for coming tonight. As you may be aware I only took over from John Galloway last October when ill health necessitated him standing down. Since John spoke to you last May the committee has seen many changes of personnel but still managed to stay very busy and the hall has been well used.  
The children’s play area is cause for concern at the moment as it barely scraped through last year’s inspection and we have doubts that it will get through this year’s inspection. Various people have tried to ascertain what villagers want done about the area should it fail. The play area will need a team of dedicated members to oversee the

organisation and fundraising of the area. It is not the responsibility of the Village Hall Committee.

I am sure you will be pleased to know that progress has been made with the refurbishment of the Village Hall kitchen. We have three estimates for the work and have applied to companies, Wren and Viridor for grants. The Pantry kindly donated £3,000 which the committee has matched, so with luck we are on the way to a new, fit for purpose bar and kitchen area.

Right now the kitchen is taking top priority, we then hope to put a new shed at the back of the hall in which to store infrequently used items including the round tables, cider making equipment, potato oven etc. Then follows the heating system, I think we are bored with hot heads and cold feet. The fire doors need replacing, the whole place needs decorating, insulating and bringing up to standard – the list goes on..... Unfortunately there is a limit to how much spare time the seven committee members can allocate to these tasks. If anyone present feels like joining the committee and giving a hand please speak to Chris or myself.

Despite its shortcomings the village hall has been well used over the year with various groups having regular weekly meetings. The pop up pub has proved very popular, some months more sparsely attended than others but it has not yet failed to make a profit. The apple pressing day in October is also very popular, something to do with the production of apple juice and, later in the year, cider I expect.

I would like to thank Yvonne Weavers for running the 200 club over the past four years', thanks also to Jan Woodhouse and Vanessa Burchell for the help they have given Yvonne. Yvonne has decided to hang up her hat so we are now looking for someone else to run the club – volunteers please.

On a personal note I would like to thank the four people, Chris, Kim, Sam and Sandra who have helped and supported me in the few short months I have been Chair. Thank you for your patience people – I will now hand you over to Chris for the financial report – we are solvent!"

5. **Treasurers Report** – Chris thanked Heather Thomas for examining the books and certifying the year end accounts as correct. The headline figures show net total assets of £46,601 at 31<sup>st</sup> March. The surplus in

the year was £5,255 with an income of £13,869 and expenditure £8,614. The continued good use of the hall was reflected in the private and club hire income total of just over £10,000.

**200 club** - The 200 club receipts of £2,143 from 181 subscribers is the best since 2014.

**Other** - A detailed list of income and expenditure had been included with the AGM agenda papers.

**Easyfundraising** –A reminder that if goods are purchased online from the likes of Amazon via the Easyfundraising website a donation will be made to the village hall of something like 1p in the pound. £219 was donated to the hall last year. Full details are on the village hall website.

**Gift Aid** - A mention also for gift aid. Any donations received by the hall can gain an extra 25% from HM

**Price Rise** – Chris advised that the £1 per hour price increase recorded at last years' AGM to be implemented in October was implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

6. **Election of Officers** – There being no further nominations the current committee agreed to continue in office.

7. **Questions from the floor** –

**Play Area** – Concern was expressed about the future of the play area. As already advised by Rosemary the committee will review this years' safety inspection report, due in July, before deciding what action to recommend.

**Storage** –Pam Feltbower asked if the committee might consider a Portacabin as optional for the storage extension. Bob would investigate.

**Kitchen Refurbishment** – The committee were asked if the kitchen development plans would be available for villagers to look at before the work was started. Rosemary advised that previous consultation comments and other observations had been taken into account. Chris would copy the CAD drawings and one of the detailed estimates to Francesca Darby to copy into an email newsletter.

**Resilience Fund** – The Parish Council have funds to purchase a generator that can be used to provide power to the village hall in the event of a serious power outage. Mario Terzino will continue discussions with the village hall committee on this project.

**Cider Sales** - Morwen Ashton asked if she could have more details of

the income generated from the sale of the village hall cider. Chris will email her with a detailed breakdown of costs and income.

Rosemary thanked those that attended the AGM

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm