

**Piddington Village Hall Management Committee
Annual General Meeting
9th May 2017**

Minutes of Meeting

Committee present: John Galloway; Chris Weavers; Ken Howard; David Cook; Kim Elliott; Rosemary Cox; 200 Club co-ordinator Yvonne Weavers

The meeting was attended by 9 other villagers.

The Chairman, John Galloway, introduced the members of the committee.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Maggie and Tony Pearce, Mike and Morwen Ashton, Al and Beverley Hopkins and Cynthia Cook

Minutes of previous AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM were approved and signed.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked Ken Howard for his excellent support of the Village Hall, standing down after nearly 5 years as a committee member. He also thanked Marie-Claire who stood down as Chair in December and Sue Roberts who also stood down as a committee member during the year.

The Chairman also thanked Yvonne Weavers, Jan Woodhouse and Vanessa Burchell for their hard work supporting the 200 Club.

The Chairman reported on events held in the village hall during the last year and those planned for the coming year.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Chris Weavers, presented the audited accounts for the previous year and thanked Heather Thomas for acting as Auditor.

He reported higher income from both private hire and clubs but also higher costs because of increased insurance, cleaner and electricity costs. This produced a

surplus of income over expenditure of approximately £2,500 and an increased balance of just in excess of £41,000.

It was agreed that there would be a review of electricity suppliers in July when the current agreement expires

He advised that hire charges had not been increased since March 2013 and that they would be increasing from 1st October. The increase would equate to an extra £1 per hour.

Election of Committee for 2017/2018

The election of committee members for 2017/2018 took place with three new members joining the committee: Sally Clark, Charles Brimson and Sam Mylam. They joined John Galloway, Chris Weavers, Kim Elliott, Rosemary Cox and David Cook who agreed to continue.

Village Hall Improvements and questions from the floor

The Chairman talked through the committee's consideration of requirements for making improvements to the hall and the results of the CLP questionnaire. He presented the committee's objectives for repairs, the kitchen, storage, heating, energy efficiency and the appearance of the hall.

He pointed out that the committee would need the assistance of someone with building or building design experience before plans could be prepared and then implemented. It was also noted that the committee would need to be successful in grant applications to provide the necessary funding and that the village's Community Led Plan would need to be supportive of the plans as a prerequisite.

There was concern that so few people had attended the AGM and more should be done to encourage participation from the village, particularly to support the improvements to the village hall. It was suggested that the proposed improvements should be shown and discussed at Pop-up-Pubs and communicated by Francesca's email list. It was also proposed that more should be done to expand the list of "Friends of the Village Hall" and communicate with them on a more regular basis.

Comments from the floor included the concern that repairs to the car park as a matter of urgency. It was also suggested that a major overhaul of the car park would provide a better long-term solution.

Concern was expressed about the state of the children's playground equipment and the future of the playground. It was agreed that this should be discussed with Marie-Claire.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm