

PIDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2021.

MINUTES

Present: Ken Howard (KH/SECRETARY): Chris Weavers
(CW/Treasurer): Kim Elliott (KE/Booking Clerk): Sam Mylam (SM):
Mario Terzino (MT): Leslie Oldman (LE):

Also Present: 8 Piddington Villagers.

1. **Apologies:** Sandra Paisley: Francesca Darby: Al & Bev Hopkins: Jane Keel.
2. (KH) opened the meeting with a welcome to all. The last face to face meeting was in May 2019, when 11 Piddington villagers attended. The minutes had been posted on the website; one question was raised then by a villager that the strip light at the end of the hall failed to light up any proposed function properly. Result was electrician had advised that the lights on the strip were not permanently fixed and could be rotated to cover all options. Due to time lapse the minutes would be taken as read. KH identified the amount of hall improvements since that date in 2019, most of which had been funded from outside sources. The village had included the church, play area and hall received over the past 4 years obtained something like £179,000 in grant funding. The thanks were offered to CW, who together with MT on play area had applied for and got the grants. Thanks were also offered to Bob Dixon, who had taken on all of the maintenance and building projects for the hall. Without his input they may never have been completed. Bob has left the committee, but may possibly return in the future. Future projects in the pipeline are a covered bicycle rack, new blinds and curtains and possibly the fitting of solar panels. The first 2 items have been approved, the solar panels are in early investigation mode. (MT) is the lead on this project. The present company in the hall all knew the committee therefore not necessary to introduce them.
3. (CW) presented the **treasurer's report** (copies were distributed to all). The accounts had been signed off independently by Heather Thomas. Copies of this and past accounts were lodged with the Charity Commission. The AGM in 2020 was not able to take place due to Covid19, however, a secretary's report plus the signed off accounts are on the village hall website. Hard copies can be obtained from KH or CW. Income during the lockdown had been reduced to nil, hall running costs still had to be paid from funds. Now the hall is open, funds are slowly coming back, but not at the rate as prior to the lockdown. The accounts show all the income and expenditure to end March 2020, this includes various donations and money from the government as the hall was classified as a small business unable to continue due to lockdown. Balance at end March 2020 was £45,156.71p. A copy of these signed accounts will be filed with the minutes of this meeting. The meeting thanked CW for his work involved as treasurer.

4. A question from the floor on the solar panel project; this was replied to by MT, covering roof, batteries, use plus other technicalities.

A question was asked on why the screen had been removed from the kitchen area. KH replied he had removed it as it was not possible to carry out meaningful supply of refreshments under and around the screen. There was a general discussion by all on the pros and cons of the screens. It had been agreed by the committee that one would stay down and one up. At pub night customers would be asked their opinion on the screens. The committee on pub night manning the bar and food area would comply with normal covid practice. A question was asked regarding the village lockdown asset, the Piddersnake, made up of stones handpainted by villagers, and its future display in or around the village hall. This was discussed by all with various propositions voiced. It is at present stored in a villager's garage. Decided that the Village Hall odd job man would be consulted on a way of making a permanent display that would not get damaged or fade due to weather conditions, and be sited somewhere near the children's play area. The meeting agreed that the matter of the snake's wellbeing had been forgotten during lockdown.

A villager wished to thank the committee on all they had achieved looking after the hall and the many improvements achieved.

Meeting closed 8.40 p.m.