

Wadenhoe Recreation Hall - Annual General Meeting

Date Meeting Held: Monday 12th February 2018

Present & Apologies

- Present: Raffaele Teo (Chairperson), Jon Jones (Treasurer), Simon Farris (Secretary), Alethia Campbell
- Apologies: Rachel Griffith, Karey Draper
- Attendees: Jean Ray, Sarah Ray, Catherine Belton

Previous AGM Minutes / Matters Arising

- 2nd December 2016 AGM minutes agreed
- No matters arising

Chairperson's Report

- 2017 has been an eventful year in the running of the Village Hall everyday life. As a committee we have seen new people, from the surrounding villages, joining us, as well as long serving members stepping down.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank former committee members Rachel Barritt, Alasdair and Catherine Belton, Karey Draper and Rachel Griffiths, who, in their own respective role, have been a great asset to the hall.

In addition I would like to express a special thank to Shaun Barritt who, as a co-opted member, has helped this committee greatly in resolving the ongoing structural issues with the Village Hall Terrace.

On this subject we, as a committee, had to make some difficult decisions in order to rectify some serious failings during its construction and its completion that needed our urgent attention. For this reason, the upcoming few months will see new structural works done to the terrace, so that after almost a year, we can finally reopen the outdoor space to the public.

Even though most of the Village Hall funds will be used to pay for these, we are optimistic this should not have a long-term impact on the hall finances. For the busy activities of last year have shown us the growing popularity of the Village Hall as a booking venue. On this front, bookings continue to increase steadily. From larger weddings to yoga sessions and art classes, the hall remains an important space for all the surrounding communities to enjoy.

Our next challenge will be to increase and recruit new committee members. For this purpose a new leaflet will be distributed in the surrounding villages to encourage people to get involved in the running of the hall.

Once the terrace works will be finished and, hopefully, with new members on board, I feel, after seven years on this committee, it will be time for me to step down and make room for a new person.

Treasurer's Report

- Summary of 'Income & Expenditure' up to 30th September 2017 distributed - Available upon request
- Receipts = £9,123.48 & Payments = £9,158.44 - Deficit = £34.96
- Investments = £25,547.17 & Bank = £22,974.39 & Cash = £1,357.23 - Total = £49,878.79
- 2015/16 & 2016/17 financial accounts to be submitted to Charity Commission
- The suggestion that Terrace structural repair costs be met 50% from bank account balance & 50% from Investments approved by committee members present
- The suggestion that hall hire costs be reviewed at a future committee meeting approved by committee members present

Resignation of Trustees

- Rachel Griffith - Moving out of catchment area, Karey Draper - Work commitments

Election of Trustees

- Raffaele Teo (Acting Chairperson), Jon Jones (Treasurer), Simon Farris (Acting Secretary), Alethia Campbell

AOB

- Jean Ray enquired if there will be cinema night events to be held this financial year - RT advised that in principal the VH would like to host future events, but this will be subject to staffing resources and the cost of renting cinema equipment etc
- Catherine Belton enquired whether or not bookings for weddings had decreased since hall hire cost increase - RT advised that bookings are healthy and up to period 2020

Next AGM

- Monday 11th February 2019 at Wadenhoe Village Hall

Minutes - Simon Farris (18/02/2018)

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