

THURLESTONE PARISH HALL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH HALL ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 20TH MARCH 2012 IN THE PARISH HALL

Present: C White (Chairman), P Stanley (Treasurer), S Barnes (Secretary),
J Booth, N Irwin, K Livett, J Le Grice, P Macdonald, J Munn,
R Parkin, M Stickland, L White + 18 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting which commenced at 6.00 p.m.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from J Beven, P Hurrell, Mr & Mrs P Dear,
Mr & Mrs K Marshall, Mr & Mrs Rigby

2. Minutes of 2011 AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 29th March 2011 were circulated and Pat Macdonald proposed they be accepted and this was seconded by Ron Parkin. The Chairman signed and dated the minutes.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous AGM minutes.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented his report with visual aids on the screen which indicated the main users of the hall. The income received had been very good but we had also spent more than usual.

The two bridge groups were now one united Bridge Club and this is our biggest user. Some younger members are needed to keep the Bridge Club up to strength.

Private events had increased by 19% year on year. The School do not use the hall very much now as they now have their own hall. Other users remain constant as before and although the Pilates closed we now have Zumba and Karate classes. More people are needed for the Zumba Class.

The lighting in the hall has been upgraded. A decision was made by the committee to spend £12,000 on solar panels and we are confident that they will pay back in 8 years. Income from them is guaranteed for 25 years and is currently expected to be around £1,400 per annum.

The overall income received has been better than expected and the decision not to increase hire charges was right. The events so far in 2012 have been very successful with concerts from Tim Kliphuis and Tim Abel being very popular. Henry Tozer will be giving a concert and as he wishes to make some money for a charitable project he is involved with, the proceeds will be split 80/20 in his favour. There will be numerous events for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and some of these will be held in the Parish Hall. Later in the year we have already booked the hall for the Last Night of the Proms, and there will be a concert from the Plymouth Gilbert & Sullivan Opera in October. Our usual Autumn Fair

will also take place. The BBQ and Boules is planned to take place in the summer with the Houghtons, Marshalls and the Taylor-Biggs in charge of the barbecue as long as they are willing to do so.

The Chairman concluded by thanking the Committee for their work throughout the year and Robin Macdonald, Graham and Val Palmer, Brian Munn and Malcolm LeGrice for the help they have given. He also thanked Ray Tavender for his hard work and David Martin the independent examiner for checking our accounts.

5. Receive and Accept Accounts for Calendar Year 2011

Patrick Stanley said it had been a privilege to have been treasurer for the past 6 years. He said that Chris was a magnificent chairman. Thanks were extended to Judith for her work on taking bookings for the hall and also the many times she has unlocked and locked the hall. Many thanks were given to June Beven for invoicing and collection of the funds, and to David Martin the independent examiner for preparing figures for us. The deficit of £7,014 would have been a £5,106 surplus against the original budget of £2,120 if the cost of the solar panels is excluded.. 2011 had been an excellent year and we look forward to another good year in 2012. The 2011 accounts were duly accepted by the meeting.

6. Election of Officers

The current Chairman announced that this year the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary positions are open for nominations.

Neill Irwin had accepted nomination for Chairman. This was proposed by Jane Stanley and seconded by Karen Livett.

Lisa White had accepted nomination for Treasurer. This was proposed by Malcolm LeGrice and seconded by Ron Parkin.

Catherine Delafield had accepted nomination for Secretary. This was proposed by Jill Munn and seconded by Robin Macdonald.

Neill Irwin, Lisa White and Catherine Delafield were duly elected.

Chris handed over to Neill who thanked the outgoing officers and he asked Ron Parkin to say a few words.

Ron spoke about Chris's involvement in the planning and equipment specification for the new hall from the demolishing of the old hall to the completion of the new building.

7. Any Other Business

There being no other business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 6.25 p.m.

Subsequent to the AGM Ron made presentations to Chris White, Patrick Stanley and Shirley Barnes, the outgoing officers.