

MINUTES OF THE PARISH HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2015 IN THE PARISH HALL

Present: N Irwin (Chairman), L White (Treasurer), C Delafield (Secretary), M Elliott, K Livett, J Le Grice, P Macdonald, A Martin, D Martin, J Munn, R Parkin and M Stickland + 23 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting which commenced at 6 p.m.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Sue Dwyer, Jane Stanley and Chris White.

2. MINUTES OF THE 2014 AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 25 March 2014 had been on display on the Parish Hall noticeboard and were taken as read. Kit Marshall proposed they be accepted, seconded by Al Parker. The Chairman signed and dated the minutes.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman, Neill Irwin, thanked everyone for their participation in Hall activities including his Committee and its Officers as well as those who were regularly involved in setting up events and providing refreshments. This was agreed by all present. Special thanks were given to Ray Tavender who has been caretaker for 14 years and will now retire. Neill presented Ray with a cheque as a token of appreciation and said that he hoped people would stay on for a drink afterwards to acknowledge Ray.

Neill also thanked Joan Mackenzie for the framed photo of the award-winning old Hall which has been displayed in the Yeo Room. He continued by explaining that there were two ways in which fund-raising took place – through one-off events and through regular use of the Hall. He also pointed out that it was a local amenity for the parish of Bantham, Buckland and Thurlestone and that local users could use the building at a discount. He then outlined the events for 2015 including a tenth anniversary lunch on 5 December.

5. ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31.12.14

Copies of the current Trustee Report and Accounts were circulated. Although income is down on 2013, expenditure has remained steady. Treasurer Lisa White said the Hall has a surplus on the year of some £2646, of which £2224 is down to the solar panels on the roof which have proved a tremendous return on investment. The new accounting system has also proved very worthwhile saving time and expenditure. A donation of £100 after the World War 1 exhibition was received with gratitude.

The utility bills are being monitored and the repairs bill reflects the storm damage at the beginning of 2014 as well as the internal redecoration. Quotations for the external redecoration are being obtained for 2015. Fresh chippings have been laid in the car park and the School will now contribute £75 towards these costs.

The commercial renting of the hall to outside organisations and for wedding parties reduced in 2014. Hiring rates are competitive but it is not the intention to raise hiring fees at present. The Treasurer thanked David Martin (Independent Examiner) and proposed the adoption of these accounts seconded by Ron Parkin and agreed by the meeting.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Chairman (proposed Pat Macdonald, seconded Mike Stickland) and Treasurer (proposed Anna Martin, seconded Ron Parkin) had agreed to stand again and were elected by the meeting. The position of Secretary remains vacant and the Chairman asked if someone would come forward at a later date. He thanked Catherine Delafield for her service as Secretary.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Joan Mackenzie proposed that a second disabled parking space be created and the Chairman agreed to look at the details with her and put the item on the agenda for the Committee.

7.2 Ron Parkin recommended the use of the Hall for indoor play.

7.3 Ray Tavender suggested that a store room hatch should be built to assist access for maintenance. This would be passed to the Maintenance Committee.

The meeting closed at 6.25pm.

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