

GREAT KINGSHILL VILLAGE HALL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD SUNDAY 2ND JUNE 2019

PRESENT: Peter Jackling (in the Chair), Jill Jackling (minute taker), Anna Young, Carol Sammut, David Davies, David Jarman, Harry Dobson, John Holwill, and Terry Williams, with an audience of a further 14 village residents

1. APOLOGIES: Jackie and Patrick Connors, Wendy Charles, Peter Sammut, Paul Nicholls, Jenny Grover, Gill Waller, Roger Thyer-Jones, Rosie Lewin, Susana Hansell, and Linda Hughes.

2. The Chairman warmly welcomed everyone to tonight's Annual General Meeting.

3. MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held 3rd June 2018: The Minutes were received and approved, with no matters arising. Proposed by Stan Jones, seconded by John Grover.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (copy in the Minute Book): Peter presented the 2018/2019 committee/trustees as Chairman – Peter Jackling, Vice-Chairman – David Davies, Treasurer – Anna Young, Minutes Secretary – Jill Jackling, Bookings Secretary – Carol Sammut, other Trustees – David Jarman, Harry Dobson, John Holwill (having been co-opted in November 2018) and Terry Williams. He thanked them for all their help and contributions through the year.

He clarified the role of the Village Hall as a non-profit making community facility, with the Trustees running the premises only.

The refurbishment of the gent's toilets, decorating of both the ladies and disabled toilets is now complete, thanks to grants from Hughenden Parish Council (HPC) and Wycombe District Council (WDC).

He explained the challenges that had occurred during 2018/2019, including –

- badgers digging up the front garden
- local residents using the car park for their own parking, causing hall bookers to complain.

He highlighted the need to refurbish the kitchen and its facilities, which is likely to cost around £25,000. Quotes for the work are currently being sought, but village hall funds will not stretch to the total and grants from local councils and fundraising activities will be necessary.

He thanked Simon Bradley our Caretaker (of SB Horticulture) for volunteering to transform the front garden at the hall. Everyone agreed this was now looking very nice.

He thanked David Jarman for arranging an excellent Remembrance Day event, commemorating the 100 year anniversary of the 1st World War, and also for organising the new Christmas lights.

He expressed thanks to our Caretaker, Simon Bradley, who is paid for his services but does over and above to look after the hall.

He thanked Simon Webber of Pipers Corner School for providing artwork from the pupils to make a very colourful and impressive display in the hall.

He expressed thanks to GKRA for letting the VH use their emailing list to promote events.

There were no questions following the Chairman's Report.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT (copy in the Minute Book): Anna circulated details of income and expenditure for the past year; there had been over £25K worth of income which was an increase on last year, with regular bookings about the same but increased casual bookings. Donations and grants includes an insurance payment for the roof leak. Thanks to HPC for their support which also enabled the purchase of outdoor Christmas lights. Thanks to HPC and WDC for monies towards the gents toilet refurbishment, and thanks also to WDC, HPC, and Great Kingshill Residents' Association, for their donations towards the WW1 Remembrance Event.

Thanks too, to the Coffee Café group, who donated almost £1,000 towards essential repairs and maintenance at the hall.

PJ asked if there were any questions on the accounts. None arose.

7. APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS – The accounts were proposed by John Grover, and seconded by Shirley Challis.

8. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTS EXAMINER – Faye Blundy had been contacted to be our examiner (as in previous years) but had not yet responded. Her appointment was proposed by Anna Young, and seconded by Carol Sammut. Should she not be available a decision to appoint someone else would be made by the Trustees.

9. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS – PJ advised that all the current Officers and Trustees were willing to stand for another year, John Holwill having been co-opted in November 2018, and Shirley Challis prior to the AGM in June 2019. This was proposed by Peter Charles, and seconded by Stan Jones.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Stan Jones on behalf of the Street Association appealed for villagers to encourage lonely residents to become involved and join in village activities and the coffee morning. John Holwill stated he had learnt at a Neighbourhood Watch meeting that being lonely and isolated was proven to shorten life expectancy.

Sheila Jarman suggested a notice in the car park saying 'non-users parking there could get blocked in'. Carol Sammut thought that would give the impression that you could park there, you just risked the chance of getting blocked in. John Holwill and Stan Jones suggested the threat of clamping. John Grover suggested sticky windscreen notices to deter people. Sarah Startup said Prestwood Village Hall were fairly aggressive regarding parking by non-hall users, she suggested we ask them how they approach the problem.

Cathi Grainger, as a hirer and user for 3 groups at the hall, expressed thanks to the committee for all they do.

David Davies advised that he is writing about the history of the village hall, and asked if anyone had items or articles in their archives that he could see. Please forward them to him.

Peter Jackling advised that Simon Kearey (HPC Councillor) is heading up the 125 year of HPC anniversary celebrations and that there are a number of events associated with this to look out for. Rick Gould said the list of events was on the HPC website from now until December 2019.

Rick Gould proposed a vote of thanks to all the committee for everything they do.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 8.35pm, and refreshments were enjoyed.