

PRISTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE A.G.M. 6th FEBRUARY 2013

The Annual General Meeting of the Priston Village Hall Management Committee was held on Wednesday 6th February 2013. After the attendance was noted the minutes of the 2012 meeting were agreed as a true record of proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising:-

The Chairman said the issue of hall booking clashes on Wednesday evenings would be discussed at the ordinary meeting following the A.G.M.

The issue of grease in the kitchen, had been tackled straight after the previous A.G.M. and again yesterday, whilst Mr Pattison had cleaned the fan on several occasions.

The blocked down-pipes by the porch, had been cleared by Mr Hughes, and he had offered his help again. The Committee was most grateful and thanked him.

Chairman's Report:-

Mrs Pattison commenced by saying the hall was well used and obviously valued by the community. 2012 had been dominated by the Village Hall Car Park scheme, which, after a modified plan had been re-submitted to B&NES, had received planning permission. The last weekend had seen a wonderful response by a team of villagers working to remove the tarmac from areas designated for planting. The patio had been expertly laid by Mr Sutton and Mr Toghill, which greatly improved the area behind the hall. While the hornbeam tree had been expertly pruned by Mr Samler. The Committee had already received several donations from villagers for this work and £750 from David Veale's Ward Councillors Fund for which they were very grateful.

On the maintenance side, Mr Hughes had undertaken repair work to the porch and roof, while external painting had been carried out as well as areas of rotten wood treated. A new Village Hall sign had been made by Mr Hunt, and will be sign written by Mrs Ostgaard. Stage lighting had been installed as well as a rail and brackets for curtains around the back of the stage.

The Committee, however, was losing a valued member who had done a huge amount of work in the hall, whom they must thank. Mr Hunt's skill in woodworking could be seen all around the hall, especially the beautiful ceiling, which he and Mr Hughes had renovated, for which the whole village is extremely grateful.

Mrs Pattison also thanked the committee members for great support during the year and especially Mrs Ostgaard for such a first class job of Bookings Manager.

Treasurer's Report:-

Mr Cross commenced by thanking Mr Anderson his Independent Examiner's report and voiced his appreciation to Mrs Anderson for typing the same.

The Income for the year was £7007 in 2012 compared to £6470 in 2011. There had been a decline in letting income of £300. Expenditure was £9244 in 2012 compared with £4088 in 2011. There had been a general expenditure increase in all areas but the main items were for external redecoration, five quarterly electricity bills within the year and the Car Park project. The total monetary assets stood at £5956, a reduction of £2237, compared with an increase of assets in 2011. However Mr Cross considered the overall financial situation to be satisfactory. In the discussion following the report, the Treasurer was asked if he had any explanation for the letting income decline and Mr Cross thought that possibly the lack of weddings in 2012 was a contributing factor.

Adoption of Reports:-

The formal adoption of both reports was proposed by Mr Wilkinson and seconded by Mr Hughes.

Election of Officers:-

It was proposed by Mrs Wilkinson and seconded by Mrs Drake-Brokman that all the Officers be re-elected. This was unanimously carried.

Chairman: Mrs Pattison; **Vice-Chairman:** Mrs Anderson; **Treasurer:** Mr Cross;
Secretary: Mrs Cross.

Election of Committee:-

There was one possible new member and Mrs Taylor agreed to stand. She was proposed by Mrs Cross and seconded by Mrs Anderson. Thereafter, the following persons were proposed by Mrs Cross and seconded by Mr Hughes, and duly elected to serve as the Management Committee for the coming year: Mrs Callan, Mrs Carter, Mrs Drake-Brokman, Mrs Love, Mr Ostgaard, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Wilkinson, with Mrs Ostgaard as Booking Manager.

Any Other Business:-

(i) Mr Hughes raised the issue of booking clashes between the Table Tennis group and the P.C.C. and it was agreed to discuss this further in the following meeting.

(ii) Mr Hughes reported that he had already cleaned the down-pipe and would add chicken wire to stop leaf ingress.

(iii) Mr Hughes reported that the other half of the roof requires moss removal when the weather improves.

(iv) Mrs Anderson raised the problem of the leak during Quizz night and Mr Hughes thought the moss might be a contributing factor but would have a look. Mrs Pattison thanked him for all his work.

(v) Mr Pattison congratulated the Committee for a good year's work and felt sure the car park improvement would be excellent.

(vi) Mr Hunt said how much he had enjoyed being on the Committee, especially the physical work involved and also contributing to Mayday. He was thanked again.

Mrs Pattison thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was closed.