

## PRISTON VILLAGE HALL

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 8th February 2017

Present: Mrs Pattison [Chair], Mrs Anderson, Mrs Barnes, Mrs Carter, Mr Cross, Mrs Cross, Mrs Drake-Brokman, Mrs Hassard, Mr Hassard, Mrs Hoghton, Mr Hughes, Mr Pattison, Mrs Taylor.

Apologies: Mrs Wilkinson.

Mrs Pattison also welcomed Mr Bottle and Mr and Mrs Hunt.

**The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting** held on 10th February 2016, having been distributed to all present were agreed a true record of proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters Arising:** There were none.

**Chairman's Report:** Mrs Pattison said the hall continues to be well used and there has been positive feedback from hirers. Maintenance includes filling and painting windows, renewing the external door sill, fitting dimmers to main hall lights, purchasing a new freezer and more small tables and renewing the stage steps carpet. However, the main issue for the hall is the leaking roof.

As the hall is listed Grade II, listed building consent is required, the application for which is in progress. Grant(s) will be needed and the committee has been advised to include other desirable improvements. The work on a list of possible works has re-sanding and sealing the floor, improving the ladies' toilet, insulating walls and ceiling in the toilet area, new flooring in kitchen/toilet area, installing a loft ladder access in the corridor to toilets, providing a hearing loop, installing broadband. This is a big project needing careful planning and if we fail to get grant(s) we will only carry out the most urgent items.

Mrs Pattison closed by thanking all the committee and Mrs Ostgaard who so efficiently deals with the bookings.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mr Cross thanked Mr Anderson for again acting as the Independent Examiner and for his report and voiced his appreciation to Mrs Anderson for typing the same. Cash and Bank Balances as at 31.12.2016 were £13,067 i.e. an increase of £3,407.

Income: Overall was £7624 i.e. an increase of £216. The Social was £646 a slight increase; Mayday at £3095 was down from £3922; donations of £6 were down from £42. Lettings at £3386 were up from £2326; the Village Hall share of the marquee was up to £80 from £45; the electricity meter at £393 was down from £421 and interest on the account was £19.

Expenditure: Overall was £4217, i.e. a decrease of £2347. Cleaning with minor purchases cost £1271 down from £1649; insurance was £598 down from £601; repairs and major purchases were £1299, down from £3174; there was no expenditure on redecoration. Electricity was £688 as against £708; water was £235 down from £293; licences were £126, down from £139.

Summary: Mr Cross considered the overall financial situation to be very satisfactory, as assets have increased again. Letting income increased again but was exaggerated by 3 payments for elections/referendums. Given the weather, May Day results were satisfactory. He expected income in 2017 to be similar to, or lower than 2016, but saw no reason why the situation should not continue to be satisfactory. However, this must be tempered by the need for roof repairs which could be very expensive and completely change the financial situation if the committee is unable to obtain grants and donations to cover a large part of the cost.

**Adoption of Reports:** The formal adoption of the Chairman's report and Treasurer's report was proposed by Mr Hughes and seconded by Mr Pattison.

The adoption of the Independent Examiner's report report was proposed by Mr Pattison and seconded by Mr Hughes and all present were in favour.

**Election of Officers:** It was proposed by Mrs Hunt and seconded by Mr Hughes 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:** It was proposed by Mrs Cross and seconded by Mrs Anderson that the present Committee be duly elected to serve as the Management Committee for the coming year: Mrs Barnes, Mrs Carter, Mrs Drake-Brockman, Mrs Hassard, Mr Hassard,, Mrs Hoghton, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Wilkinson.

**Any Other Business:** There was none

There being no other business Mrs Pattison declared the Annual General Meeting closed at 7.48 pm and thanked members for their attendance and support and Mr Bottle and Mr and Mrs Hunt for coming.