

PRISTON VILLAGE HALL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 5th February 2014

Present: Mrs Pattison [Chair], Mrs Anderson, Mrs Callan, Mrs Carter,
Mr Cross, Mrs Cross, Mr Hughes, Mr Pattison, Mrs Phillips,
Mrs Wilkinson,

Apologies: Mrs Drake-Brokman, Mrs Love, Mr Ostgaard

The Chairman also welcomed Mr Wilkinson

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6th February 2013, having been distributed to all present were agreed a true record of proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising: Mrs Pattison said that the issue of clashes on Wednesday evenings for hall continued to be a problem and as the Parochial Church Council did not always get their bookings some alteration of payment was required. Mr Cross agreed that he would look at the annual payment to note what it covered and then it would be discussed further.

Chairman's Report: Mrs Pattison commenced by saying how well the hall was being used by the community: Priston Morris, circuit training, the art group, pilates, table tennis, Kids Club and the Saturday Café. Cricket Club Pantomime, church fundraisings and the Festival as well as six parties and one wedding. This had been a year of redecorating the hall and it now looks greatly improved so she wished to express her thanks to Mr Oliver for all his hard work. She also thanked Mr Sutton for removing moss from the front roof tiles and noted his warning of possible major work on the roof in future. Some minor repointing was also carried out by Mr Fowle. Mrs Pattison also thanked all the committee members for great support during the year and especially Mrs Anderson, Mr Cross, Mrs Cross and Mrs Ostgaard for such a first class job of Bookings Manager.

Treasurer's Report: Mr Cross thanked Mr Anderson for acting as the Independent Examiner and for his report and also voiced his appreciation to Mrs Anderson for typing the same. No issues were raised by the report and he recommended that it be duly signed and placed on record. The report provides more detail than he wished to provide at the meeting but the essential points contained are as follows with numbers in brackets relating to the year 2012: Assets: Cash and Bank Balances as at 31.12.2013 were £7652, (£5956) i.e. an increase of £1696. Income: Overall was £8399 (£7007), i.e. an increase of £1392. The Social at £446 down from £570; Mayday at £2288 was up from £1523; donations of £1893 were up from £1460 but also included gift aid rebate. Lettings at £3207 were up from £2854; the Village Hall share of the marquee was up £95 from £30; the electricity meter at £461 was down from £565 and interest on the account was up at £9 from £5. Expenditure: Overall was £6703 (£9214), i.e. a reduction of £2509. Cleaning with minor purchases cost £1390 up from £1332; insurance was £456 slightly down from £482; repairs were £819, reduced from £929; redecoration at £1502 was up from £1320 with further costs to go into the 2014 financial year. Electricity was £729 as against £883 but the latter figure was for 5 quarters; water was £243 almost the same as the previous year; licences were £113, down from £166; donation was £50 and the car park project was £1401 compared to £3810 in the previous year. Summary: Despite the further significant expenditure on the completion of the car park project and a major part of the costs for internal redecoration, Mr Cross considered the overall financial situation to be very satisfactory. He expected income to be significantly lower in 2014 as no donations were being solicited, however costs should also be lower than in 2013. However he felt that there was a long term need to build up assets as he foresaw that major expenditure on roof repairs could be required in a few years time.

Mr Pattison questioned what the donation was for and suggested that in future it should be recorded as payment to the Link for advertising meetings etc rather than as a donation. This was agreed.

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

Election of Officers: It was proposed by Mrs Wilkinson and seconded by Mr Pattison that all the Officers be re-elected. This was unanimously carried.
Chairman Mrs G. Pattison; Vice-Chairman Mrs A. Anderson; Treasurer Mr N. Cross;
Secretary Mrs C. Cross.

Election of Committee: persons were proposed by Mrs Anderson and seconded by Mrs Cross and duly elected to serve as the Management Committee for the coming year: Mrs Callan, Mrs Carter, Mrs Drake-Brockman, Mrs Love, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Wilkinson.

Any Other Business:

(i) Mr Hughes said he had been speaking to Mr Oliver about the problems experienced with some paint during the redecoration and he had sought some advice, which was that when painting gloss on gloss the surface should be both sanded and undercoated.

(ii) Mr Pattison referred to the amount of loosely looped wiring on the lighting beam, when rectification had been promised for some time now. Mrs Carter replied that she had been assured it would be done this Saturday.

(iii) Mrs Anderson said that when speaking to Mr Sutton he had been quite pessimistic about possible damp in the hall roof. Mrs Callan asked what sort of cost would the roof repairs be likely to incur. After some discussion Mr Cross said that if there was a degree of rotten wood, the figure would be unlikely to be less than £7,000 and Mr Hughes offered to get a quotation with the proviso that until the tiles were actually removed, the extent of any replacement of timber etc would be unknown. His offer was gratefully accepted.

(iv) Mr Wilkinson suggested that the spotlight beam should be hidden by boarding but the committee did not feel this was necessary.

(v) Mr Wilkinson suggested that the title of the AGM should simply be that of the Village Hall rather than the Village Hall Committee.

(vi) Mr Pattison wished to congratulate the Chairman on another very fine job. This was heartily endorsed.

There being no other business Mrs Pattison declared the Annual General Meeting closed at 8.45pm and thanked members for their attendance and support, and visitors for coming.