

## PRISTON VILLAGE HALL

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 4th February 2015

Present: Mrs Anderson [Chair], Mrs Callan, Mrs Carter, Mr Cross, Mrs Cross, Mr Hassard, Mr Hughes, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Wilkinson.

Apologies: Mr & Mrs Hunt, Mrs Love, Mr & Mrs Pattison,

The Vice-chairman also welcomed Mr Wilkinson.

**The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting** held on 5th February 2014, having been distributed to all present were agreed a true record of proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters Arising:** Mrs Anderson said that the issue of clashes on Wednesday evenings for the hall continued to be a problem as the Parochial Church Council did not always get their bookings. Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Drake-Brockman confirmed that the P.C.C. was prepared to work around the Table Tennis bookings.

Mr Oliver had confirmed that problems experienced with the paint during redecorating had occurred despite sanding and undercoating.

Mr Hughes said that the query on the condition of the roof had resulted in his bringing out one of his firm's roofing contractors in August. After some investigation they came to the conclusion that the roof was sound and the tiles themselves in good condition. The problem area, as was known, was the porch, where the condition is still poor and there may also be some areas of roof flashing which might let in some rainwater in very windy and wet conditions. Mr Cross said that when he went up into the loft there was some evidence of past leakage but it did not seem severe. Therefore repairs would depend upon any future problems arising.

**Chairman's Report:** Mrs Anderson read out Mrs Pattison's report, which commenced by saying that the hall continues to be a great asset to the village and is well used by both regulars and private users. There had been no major projects but probably the biggest improvement has been the planting in the car park, which has been much admired. May Day was again a great success with record profits, and the support of the whole village was again remarkable. We have purchased the stalls from Timsbury Hall and the 6 stalls are housed in Church Farm barn. Minor maintenance work involved painting, electrical improvements, lighting, and car park wall repairs. Other small purchases include 4 small tables, a wheel chair ramp for the kitchen door, a set of white crockery, [thanks to Corston Hall], which enables us to offer hall users 80 matching plates, side plates and bowls. 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 as Bookings Manager.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mr Cross thanked Mr Anderson for again acting as the Independent Examiner and for his report and also voiced his appreciation to Mrs Anderson for typing the same. He then distributed copies of both the Independent Examiner and his own report. No issues were raised by the I.E.'s report and he recommended that it be duly signed and placed on record. The report provides more detail than he wished to discuss at the meeting but the essential points contained are as follows with numbers in brackets relating to the year 2013: Assets: Cash and Bank Balances as at 31.12.2014 were £8818, (£7652) i.e. an increase of £1166. Income: Overall was £7267 (£8399), i.e. a decrease of £1132. The Social at £582 up from £446; Mayday at £3305 was up from £2288; donations of £65 were down from £1893. Lettings at £2902 were down from £3207; the Village Hall share of the marquee was down to £60 from £95; the electricity meter at £340 was down from £461 and interest on the account was up at £13 from £9. Expenditure: Overall was £6101 (£6703), i.e. a reduction of £602. Cleaning with minor purchases cost £1197 down from £1390; insurance was £515 up

[because of taking out Trustee Indemnity] from £456; repairs and major purchases were £2140, up from £819; redecoration at £1158 was down from £1502. Electricity was £682 as against £729; water was £283 up from £243; licences were £126, up from £113; There were no donations this year as against £50 last year and the car park project as completed was £0. Summary: Mr Cross considered the overall financial situation to be very satisfactory, as assets have increased again, largely due to the excellent results of May Day. He expected income in 2015 to be similar to or lower than 2014 but also expected costs to be lower than in 2014, so saw no reason why the situation should not continue to be satisfactory. However he felt that there was a long term need to build up assets, given the potential for significant expenditure on some roof repairs within the next few years.

**Adoption of Reports:** The formal adoption of the Chairman's Report was proposed by Mr Wilkinson and seconded by Mrs Wilkinson, the adoption of the Treasurer's report was proposed by Mr Hughes and seconded by Mr Wilkinson; all present were in favour.

**Election of Officers:** It was proposed by Mr Hughes and seconded by Mr Wilkinson 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 Callan, Mrs Carter, Mrs Drake-Brockman, Mr Hassard, Mrs Love, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Wilkinson.

**Any Other Business:** i) Mrs Anderson suggested that the Village Hall Committee could really benefit from another man and suggested approaching a member of the village. The committee endorsed this and suggested the Mrs Pattison make the approach later in the month. ii) Mrs Cross remarked that a member of the 2015 Parish Council would also need to represent the P.C. on the Village Hall Management Committee as she was not standing for re-election. iii) The discussion on trustee indemnity was raised while Mr Hughes was still present but was also an agenda item for the following ordinary meeting.

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