

**Minutes of the Village Hall Committee AGM  
held on 10 May 2017 at 8.00pm  
in St Cross Church, Wilstone**

**17/01 Minutes of the AGM held on 16 May 2016**

Those present agreed the Minutes of the AGM held on 16 May 2016.

**17/02 Chairman's Report**

**Events**

I begin with a brief resume of the past year events.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June featured the usual Wilstone Fete and Dog Show. The difference with previous years is it should be a "light" version, but as is tradition the event was nothing like that and still centred on a theme and on this occasion, it had the "Country" feel to it. To add to the authenticity of the day, the Wilstone Show Girls put in an appearance. A Charitable donation was made to Chiltern Dog Rescue of £180.

Once again, special thanks again to Jill Walker and other members of the Fete Committee who donated their time and effort to the occasion and which resulted in another great village event. An excellent turn-out resulted in a surplus of funds being raised towards the village hall. (circa £2500)

It has been decided that this traditional event be given a rest in favour of a joint activity with The Open Gardens which runs bi annually.

The film night season started again in October running through to April with the monthly events and following the established and popular format. Continued thanks to Peter and Jill Walker once again for selecting a varied number of films that managed to appeal to all. Also, not forgetting our other own dedicated team of helpers.

A consistent attendance with a competitive price of £7 per ticket, resulted in a more than modest turn of profit, despite those inevitable costs increasing. A modest increase in the price of drinks helped offset inflationary costs and maintain a moderate return.

After a short break, we manage to squeeze into May a "Wine & Food with Quiz" evening. With 60 + people attending another thoroughly good evening was had. This time, the Committee agreed to donate any profit as a donation to Alec Kemp who is attending a World Challenge activity in Belize. It now appears to be practice and norm for the village community to support youngster in the village.

## **Finance**

The finances are in good order and funds continue to be received from hiring and other events.

Regular bookings that bring in a stable income to pay the overheads and many thanks to Tony the bookings secretary for managing this area and coordinating such things.

There are sufficient funds to maintain and improve the Village Hall and hopefully with sufficient reserve funds in case of any unforeseen circumstance.

## **Maintenance and up keep**

This year, as with many other years the hall has needed some maintenance or repair.

All this takes effort and dedication and I would like to thank all those concerned who have given their time and effort over the last year. I would like to make specific reference to Colin for always being in attendance and supporting the hall whenever the need arises. Also to Bella for regularly cleaning the hall.

This year we did manage to spend some significant amounts of money (£21,000 inc a donation of £6000 from TRPC) and make improvements to the Ladies, Unisex, and Disabled toilets as well as the store. Some electrical improvements (£2500) were also made with the fitting of a new distribution board and sockets. Finally, thanks to Peter Walker persistence are able to get Internet access within the hall and provide a node point from the hall for the benefit of other users.

Despite this we still have managed a healthy bank account.

We haven't always held a Committee meeting every month (due to other commitments) but I'm sure you will agree this has not detracted from the well being of the hall as we can say steady progress has been made when comparing the beginning with the end of the year.

It remains for me to thank each and every person of the Committee: in particular Neil for being Treasurer and Jude for being Secretary (whether: Elected, Representative, or a Special Member) for putting in the help and support to keep this hall functioning for the good of the Wilstone Village Hall.

Thank you all.

*The Chairman was thanked by the Committee for all his hard work.*

## **17/03 Treasurer's Report**

The draft accounts were circulated to all present.

On the face of it, not a good year, £16,000 deficit but ...

- we spent £25,000 on electrical updates and ladies toilet refurb ...
- for which we received a TRPC grant of £6.000 last financial year so ...
- looking at all the numbers across the past two years, we've improved

our facilities greatly at a nett cost to ourselves of just £4,000.

For this year's day-to-day operations

- hirings income £12,700

- general outgoings £9,000

- = profit of £3,700 so no need for a rate increase.

Sundries outgoings include £500 cheque which HSBC paid twice (!), refund included in Donations income.

Nearly £24,000 in the bank, should be plenty against a rainy day.

Bookings still looking good, no major works planned so no reason to expect anything other than a surplus next year.

Sorry, Phil, no Miscellaneous income this year but my thanks go to everyone who helps keep the other funds flowing in.

#### **17/04 Election of Committee Members and Officers**

##### Representative members (3 places):

Colin Reedman (Church)

Sheila Reedman (Church)

Paul Lovis (Tring Rural Parish Council)

##### Elected members (5 places):

Jude Roust

Tony Short

Richard Smissen

Neil Williams

Diana Crapnell

##### Co-opted members (2 places):

##### Special members (unlimited):

Mrs Maggie Buchi (This was Maggie's last meeting and she was thanked for all her work over her years as a Committee member.)

Mr Chris Cobb

Mr Phil Cogger

Ms Diana Crapnell

Mr Peter Kemp

Mrs Irene McCall

Mr Marcus Postings

Mrs Jill Walker

#### **17/05 Signing of declaration**

All Committee Members and Officers present at the meeting were asked to sign the annual declaration.

**17/06 Resolution to pay the rent**

The rent of £1 was paid to Tring Rural Parish Council.