

COLERNE VILLAGE HALL ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity 1072699

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 7:30pm on Thursday, 14th May 2015 in the Village Hall

Present : Barry Atkinson, Mandie Bell, Kathleen Hall (Chairman), Annette Hitch, David Hitch, Wendy James, Erica Laws, Peter Laws, Anne Nicholas (Secretary), Sheila Nicholas (Treasurer), Val Osborne, Sue Paton, Daphne Reason, Deborah Middleton, Rob Parsons, John Usher, Andrew Williams and Sharon Williams.

Actions

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Ann Atkinson, James Bicknell, Jacqui Bradburn and Paul Carey.

2. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The minutes from the previous AGM held on 20th May 2014 were approved and signed as correct.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

4. **PRESENTATION of the TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT and ACCOUNTS**

Kathleen asked if everyone had read the distributed Trustee Report and Sheila Nicholas asked if there were any questions?

As none were forthcoming the Trustees' Report and Accounts were accepted; proposed by John Usher and seconded by Erica Laws.

Sheila stated that Ray Barker had examined the Accounts "free of charge", yet again, and a letter of thanks had been sent on behalf of the Committee.

4a CHAIRMANS COMMENTS

Once again I'm pleased to bring you a report of another successful year for the Village Hall.

It will be a brief report as all the details of the year's finances and work done are in the Trustees report and Financial report.

We have continued with maintenance and repainting to keep the hall up to its usual standard.

During the year our cleaner retired, a new company has now taken on the task and so far with excellent results.

The main topic of the year has been raising funds to enable us to install our own projector and sound system. This has been, and is still being, put in place by Anne, our conscientious and dedicated secretary who has our heads in a whirl keeping up with the details of the applications she has submitted to various funding bodies willing to assist worthy causes.

At my last count eight different applications have been sent off by Anne. So far four have responded positively bringing a total of £41,000 which means that we can give the go ahead to all the contractors to start all the work involved which will mean the hall being closed during August of this year.

The ceiling will be removed, a vital necessity as all the necessary wiring will be hidden from view inside

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trunking in the apex before a new plasterboard ceiling is put up. A complete repainting of the main room will be done by the same company.

When all is finished our new projector and sound system can be installed and we should be ready to show films ourselves. We are hoping, initially, to show films twice a month, maybe Tuesday evening and Saturday to test audience reaction and thereafter adjusting where necessary.

Blinds for the windows and hatchway as well as new chairs will be bought, the hall will then be looking very smart and looking at its best for reopening in September.

All this will require more volunteers to help the present six people who currently do the work. These six people are generous with their time but can we expect to double their work load?

We would like to put this new equipment to good use, try to increase and please our audiences but we do need more help. Please will you spread the word, try to interest people in our project and help us to bring something new to the village.

A big thank to Anne and Sheila who work so hard on the fund raising and maintenance, keeping the books and paperwork in order and to the rest of the committee for their commitment and time, and to Barry Atkinson and Peter Laws for their help during film evenings.

Thank you all for coming tonight and showing an interest in the running of the Village Hall.

5. **HIRING CHARGES**

Sheila asked if everyone had seen the distributed copies of the proposed hiring increase of 3.5%; this increase would not take effect until 1st April 2016. Sheila asked if there were any questions and as there were none this increase was accepted by the meeting; proposed by John Usher and seconded by Deborah Middleton.

6. **200+ CLUB REPORT**

Kathleen reported that the 200+ Club now has 231 members and that the monthly draws were taking place at the beginning of the film nights, which seem to be working well. Sheila stated that the first prize this year for the Annual draw would be £262.

7. **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER'S**

Treasurer : **Sheila Nicholas**
Proposed : Sue Paton
Seconded : John Usher

Secretary : **Anne Nicholas**
Proposed : Wendy James
Seconded : Erica Laws

Elected Member: **Simon Garrett**
Proposed : Daphne Reason
Seconded : Sheila Nicholas

All the above were elected unopposed.

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Group Representatives: Ann Atkinson – WI: James Bicknell – Scouts: Kathleen Hall – Whist Drive: Erica Laws – Luncheon Club: Daphne Reason – Gardening Club: Rachel Matthews – Jumping Jacks: Deborah Middleton – CAOS; and Jacqui Bradburn – Parish Council.

Holding Trustees are Kathleen Hall, John Usher and Donald Thompson.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Anne Nicholas outlined the planned installation of the cinematic equipment at the Hall commencing 27th July through to 31st August 2015.

Anne stated that the Committee had decided to reduce ticket prices to £5 and create a family ticket. This ticket would carry a 25% discount meaning that a family, either one adult, three children or two adults and two children would be admitted for £15.

Anne explained that she hoped each group/society would nominate a volunteer to train on this equipment, thus enabling all groups to use it.

Sheila stated that no extra charge would be levied on any hirer to utilise this kit, if the Hall was hired the equipment was available to use.

Everyone agreed this development together with future possibilities was an exciting opportunity for the Village.

Erica Laws asked if it would be possible to improve the heating at the Village Hall. Kathleen explained that Sheila had negotiated a great deal with our Gas supplier but if the usage increased too much the agreed rate would not continue therefore Anne was investigating other environmentally friendly sources of heating. Anne confirmed this was her next project after the cinematic equipment had been installed.

John User proposed a vote of thanks to Anne and Sheila Nicholas for all their hard work on all the application for funding, it was greatly appreciated which was unanimously agreed with by all present.

Wendy James asked whether after the Hall had been decorated the WI Map could be moved to the Main Hall itself instead of in the Function Room. Wendy explained that she had visited many other Village Hall's and their maps were contained within their Main Hall, not in a room off. Sheila explained that the WI Map had been hung in the Function Room to negate the risk of damage, but if the WI now wished to hang the Map in the Hall they must understand that the Village Hall Committee would take no responsibility for it. This would be discussed by the Village Hall Committee after the Hall had been decorated.

There was no Any Other Business; the meeting closed at 8 pm.

The proposed date for the next AGM is 17th May 2016 starting at 7:30 pm.