

COLERNE VILLAGE HALL ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity 1072699

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 7:30pm on Thursday, 11th May 2023 in the Village Hall

Present : Ann Atkinson, Jacqui Bradburn, Erica Laws (Chairman), Ann Matthews, Anne Nicholas (Secretary), Sheila Nicholas (Treasurer), Sue Paton, Ben Pike, Daphne Reason, Anne Skerrett and Chris Woods.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Jackie Bicknell.

Actions

2. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The minutes from the previous AGM held on 25th May 2022 were approved and signed as correct.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

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

Erica asked if everyone had read the distributed Trustee Report and if there were any questions?

Jacqui Bradburn asked for clarification of costs mentioned in the report regarding the Scouts Lease, Sheila Nicholas confirmed that it was all costs, not only the legal costs of changing the lease but everything else which is increasing in cost.

As no one had any further questions the Trustees' Report and Accounts were accepted; proposed by Ann Atkinson and seconded by Chris Woods.

Erica asked for thanks to be expressed to Ray Barker for examining the accounts yet again free of charge; this was greatly appreciated.

5. **INCREASE TO HIRING CHARGES**

With the increase in energy costs affecting the hall from this August it is necessary to increase charges; the committee agreed in January that the F.I.T payments would be used towards energy costs from this year and beyond temporarily but this will only cover two thirds of the cost.

The energy costs in the 2022/23 financial year totaled £1,369. If the hall had been on the new tariffs coming into effect this year that total would have been £4,755 an increase of £3,386. The F.I.T payment was £2292 leaving £1,094 required from the increase in charge. This increase is not taking into account increases to other bills; this will need to be paid from existing funds.

The proposed increases are not on a percentage basis but calculated to cover a third of the energy cost required, copies of increases have been printed and placed on the tables for everyone to view. These increases would come into effect from 1st September 2023.

After a brief discussion the meeting unanimously agreed to these increases; proposed by Chris Woods and seconded by Daphne Reason.

In the present economic climate it will be necessary to increase charges every year but even that may not be enough to cover ongoing running costs so Sheila suggested a possible increase, taking effect from 1st

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April 2024, of no more and maybe less than the increases agreed for September 2023. Jacqui Bradburn asked that it be clarified and minuted that this would be agreed by the Committee first and Sheila confirmed that this would be so. After a further brief discussion the meeting unanimously agreed to this further increase, if required; proposed by Ann Atkinson, seconded by Daphne Reason.

6. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER'S

Elected Members

Treasurer : **Sheila Nicholas**
Proposed : Ann Atkinson
Seconded : Erica Laws

Elected Members **Anne Skerrett**

Proposed : Jacqui Bradburn
Seconded : Ben Pike

Both the above were elected unopposed.

Group Representatives: Ann Atkinson – WI: Jackie Bicknell – Scouts: Jacqui Bradburn – Colerne Musical Theatre: Erica Laws – Craft Group: Ann Matthews – Luncheon Club: Anne Nicholas – Gardening Club: Ben Pike – Parish Council and Chris Woods – History Group & Whist Drive.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

None.

As there was no Any Other Business; the meeting closed at 7:48pm.

The proposed date of the next AGM is 9th May 2024 in the Village Hall.