

MINUTES OF SANDLEHEATH VILLAGE HALL - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

At St. Aldhelm's on THURSDAY 24th OCTOBER 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT

Trustees:

K Bennett (KB)
 A Booth (AB)
 T Hillman (TH)
 J Greener (JG)
 N Holmes (NH)
 L Malcolm (LM)
 D Philips (DP)
 M Richardson (MR)

In addition there was one member of the local community.

ITEM	SUBJECT
1	Chairs Remarks KB opened the meeting and explained the agenda and that this was his last meeting as chairman as he was retiring as a trustee.
2	Minutes of the previous meeting held on 26th October 2023 The minutes were accepted and signed. There were no matters arising.
3	Accounts and Report JG presented the accounts to 30 th June 2024. It had been a good year and a surplus had been generated. The Parish insure the building whilst we insure the contents etc. The swing in 200 club income, between 22/23 and 23/24 is due to the number of people who do not take the prize and donate it to the hall. Maintenance costs were up due to work sorting out the pipes freezing. They have been rerun and re-lagged. Booking fees were increased last Autumn by about 10% The income increase is dependent on the booking mix. Energy costs did not go up as much as expected because of a milder winter compared with previous year. The accounts were approved. Thanks was given to Doreen Houghton who has resigned as the Independent Examiner. For 2025 Donna Kerrigan will review the accounts.
4	Village Hall Development and Usage NH talked about the use of the hall over the last year. Booking are analysed over public and private events. There has been another increase in the bookings in the reporting years but are slightly down in the current year. However, private bookings vary considerably in hours booked and result in monthly swings. There has been a loss of a few regular classes early in year. Lost Tai chi and the coffee morning but gained Taekwondo. Non regular bookings are becoming more variable. Advertising is mostly word of mouth and social media rather than paid for. Compared with other halls we seem to be doing well and our prices are very competitive.
5	Appointment of Trustees All the current Trustees, apart from KB, put themselves forward to continue for another year. There were no new nominations. The current 7 Trustees were unanimously appointed for another year
6	Proposed Resolutions There were no proposed resolutions.

7	<p>AOB</p> <p>A discussion ensued about parking outside, particularly on the pavement. Signs have been put up. It is hoped the traffic management action plan as part of the village plan will help the situation.</p> <p>MR thanked KB for his contribution to the Village Hall. He said it would be difficult to overstate his contribution. He was involved from the start of the refurbishment in 2015. KB became Chairperson in 2018. As chairperson he oversaw the considerable refurbishment plan which saw a dilapidated site turned into a beautiful building. He worked incredibly hard in managing the contractors etc. He then had to oversee the hall through the very difficult Covid period. He has undertaken numerous other functions throughout this time. The Trustees and the inhabitant of Sandleheath owe him an enormous debt of gratitude for his selfless contribution to the quality of life in our village. KB thanked MR for his words. The building fabric is good and only maintenance is now required. He has done his bit and can happily retire. He wished the ongoing trustees every success.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.00</p>
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