

TACKLEY VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

9 February 2017

Present : Barbara Vaughan (Chair), Mike Bishop, Bill Denver, Jan Grimwood, Doreen Havord, Katie Hofman, Matt Ollman, Pat Rolfe, Les Summers, Mike Willemite.

The meeting was opened at 19.00 with Ms Vaughan in the Chair, who welcomed Geoff Chambers, Michael Watts and Eileen Willemite, members of the public.

Apologies : Vanessa Langton-Paxton, who will be standing down due to family commitments.

1. Minutes of the 2016 AGM

Approved by PR and seconded by DH.

2. Matters arising

None.

3. Financial Report

This has been an unusual year with income (£41,680) far exceeding the 'normal' (2015 £24,407). The main reasons for this being the highly successful 'pop up pub' (£7831) and the promises auction (£4282).

A feature of these fund raising events was the low cost of running both- not meaning, however, to demean the effort put into these events by the volunteer helpers.

Another important part of the year's income was from grants, with a total of £6,550 being obtained from various sources.

The Hall did not receive a donation from the Shop in this financial year (2015 £2000).

The successes referred to above enabled the Committee to carry out a major refurbishment of the Hall – a total of £21,007 being spent. A more detailed description of the works carried out has already been put into the Newsletter.

'Normal' expenditure, i.e. year on year items, saw a slight reduction £17374 as against £18535 in 2015.

As at the year end I can advise that the Hall has a total of £16,646.06 (2015 £14,733.90) in the bank.

Income exceeded our Expenditure by £1761.71

The Committee has held the rates charged to Village Groups , such as the Scouts, Toddlers, History, Gardening, at the same levels for the past three years. It is always appreciated that it is for these organisations that the Hall exists and we will endeavour to keep the rates at the current levels for as long as possible.

4. Chairman's Report

I am delighted to say that 2016 was an amazing year with so many exciting events many of which have contributed in one way or another to our new look village hall. Over all we have gained £ 15,000 through a combination of grants and fund raising activities. There are so many thanks that it is difficult to know where to start.

As far as grants are concerned we have been successful in applying to :

- * TOE2 – who support eco-friendly projects and who awarded us funds for the new lights, spot lights and hand driers in the clock rooms.

- * Doris Field – who funded the wonderful new cooker in the kitchen.

- * Cottsway housing – who gave us funds for kitchen equipment including the new water urn as well as pots and pans.

These funds totalled nearly £7,000 which has made an enormous difference.

Local fund raising :

There are two memorable events to report here :

- * Firstly the pop up pub – what a wonderful service. Tim Chapple came to us with the idea and how could we say no. Tim, Matt and Simon took the lead and co-ordinated the rota and so many other people lent a hand behind the bar, collecting the empties doing the washing up and so forth. The supermarket delivery drivers got seriously concerned about the amount of alcohol I was ordering but when I explained they unloaded it all into the bongo so that I could take it down to the hall.

- * The second was the promises auction. We had an amazing array of promises of all different kinds as well as an evening of fun co-ordinated as ever by our good friend Mr Joslin. Some, who could not offer promises, also gave us donations. The income from that event was not far off £5000 (including donations). What a wonderful community effort and such a big thank you to all who contributed with both promises and purchases.

So what have we been able to do?

Firstly we replaced the very tired and worn out ceiling tiles mainly put in place by Matt and Debbie with a bit of a hand from me.

The next action was getting the hall, crush area and entrance hall painted. Choosing the colours was a bit if a nightmare but everyone seems to be happy now.

Thirdly we have wonderful new curtains, thanks to Jacquie who co-ordinated everything, Roger who fixed the new rails, and a group of helpers, the two Sues, Rosie, Marj, Sarah, Natalie, Lesley and, for the first time in my life, me (never too old to learn a new skill).

In addition, with the help of Eileen, we cleared out the electric meter cupboard and took a vast amount to rubbish to the tip. It just needs a final clean and tidy in order to revert to being a very useful cloakroom for coats as well as some storage for table clothes, round tables and extra long tables.

We do hope you like our 'new look' village hall and will help us to keep it looking smart and fresh. We are not quite there yet and hope to be able to put up blinds in the inside windows and possibly the crush area; finish painting throughout the building, and tidy up the bar. It is a never ending task which we could not achieve without support from the village but hope we have succeeded in making it such an attractive venue for other groups and individuals events.

There are always some special thanks to the committee members and to friends of Tackley Village Hall. My comments stand from last year in valuing their support so highly. They remain a great team to work with.

There a few more without whom we could not manage so thanks on behalf of the Tackley Village Hall Committee to:

Firstly to all our helpers without whom we could not manage, mending, fixing, roof work and generally helping us keep TVH in good repair.

To Mary Spicer (now McIntyre) who continues to support us by the wonderful work she does through communication, advertising, design support and sometimes star gazing, of course, of the Tackley Calendar, profits of which go to TVH.

A year on and Tackley Village Hall continues to be widely used by both Tackley residents and other organisations which helps to generate income for its ongoing maintenance. We have ongoing challenges and plans for the future.

The heat pump for the ground source heat is no longer working and despite major efforts from a company who deal with these things it looks as if it is beyond repair. However the good news is that both the engineer and I have been in touch with Ofgem in relation to the Feed In Tariff and we are assured that, provided the new pump matches regulations, we should be able to apply again. If this can be taken forward we should be able to gain an income for the next 20 years so hopefully cost will ultimately be covered.

We discussed the Pop Up Pub with Martin (Gardiners Arms) late last year and he has just spoken to Matt about a collaborative service where we could share profits, so with lots of help from our friends, it looks as if it will be back.

In case you had not heard yet Gus will be back on Saturday 6th May.

We will be trying to find some extra grant money to finish the painting, do some work on the bar area and gain approval for the kitchen as a formal food preparation

area. Admittedly this would mean a bit of extra paperwork but would be a very useful cover to have.

LAS proposed a vote of thanks to BV for all her work and this was unanimously supported.

5. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected :

Chairman : Ms B Vaughan

Vice-Chairman : Mr L Summers

Treasurer : Mr M Willemite

Secretary : Mrs K Hofman

Booking clerk : Mr Denver

Group representatives

Methodist Church : Mrs J Grimwood

Silver Threads : Mrs D Havord

Parish Council : Mr L Summers

Committee members : Mr M Bishop, Mrs P Rolfe, Mr M Ollman

BV thanked special friends of the Village Hall – Eileen, Doug Stephens, Laurence, Alan, Tim Chapple and LAS voted special thanks to committee member MB for all he does.

The date for the following year's AGM was set for 8 February 2018.

The meeting closed at 19.27