

Minutes of Milborne St Andrew Village Hall Management committee.

Annual General meeting – Thursday 15th April 2010.

Present: Eric Crichton (President) Richard Lock, Elizabeth Humphrey, Margaret Evans, Marion Regan, Jenny Preston, Kathryn Pochin, Peter Dunkley, Andy Coatzee (representing Milborne Players)

12 villagers attending.

Apologies from Brian Parkinson, Maggie Redmill, Pat Tribe (representing Parochial Church Council)

Our President Mr. Eric Crichton presided over the meeting.

Secretary read the minutes for 2009. Elizabeth Humphrey asked that insertion be made to thank auditor of our accounts Mr. John Moulson. The minutes were then approved and signed by President.

Treasurer's report

Elizabeth Humphrey our treasurer had not copies of the balance sheet for everyone, but advised that this would be published in the next copy of the Reporter. It had been an eventful and successful year. In last year's minutes it was suggested we would re-value the hall and grounds but Elizabeth informed us there was not much purpose in doing this as the insurance company had made their own valuation of buildings and fittings

With regard to gas and electric, we are still under contract with our suppliers and when the contract ends she will research alternative suppliers. Income over expenditure amounted to £2,000. We were having to pay Moviola the full fee and this fund raising event did not provide as much income as previously - and of course interest for the main bank account had plummeted. Added to this electric and gas costs had practically doubled over the previous year.

Our capital expenditure was £78,000 mostly covered by grants from Awards for All and People's Millions. Liveability grants had provided funds for various improvements made to the hall buildings and outside. We are still planning to install a dishwasher in the kitchen. Promises of donations received from the Women's Institute and Food and Wine Society. The Village Lunch group had given us a cheque for £61.55p which we have not banked. Hiring rates may be increased in 2011, Secretary was asked to thank John Moulson for again auditing the accounts for us and Alison Riddle for her work and support as bookings co-ordinator. With thanks to Elizabeth, acceptance of the treasurer's report was proposed by Peter Dunkley, seconded by Jenny Preston and approved.

Chairman's report

As Richard Lock had been delayed travelling back from a business commitment, his report was read out by Eric Crichton. Richard commented on the various activities and improvements carried out on the hall during the year. Three of the four major grant funding projects have been completed, with the installation of the Multi Unit Games Area funded by Liveability to be finalised. Only the Milborne Players had played a significant role in carrying out the improvements and we need more support from people like Keith Hastings willing to give their time and expertise to hall matters.

Once the MUGA project is completed, this will finalise our business plan in conjunction with the village parish plan. The village hall now has a Google address i.e. msavillagehall@googlemail.com

Richard announced that the following Saturday, in this hall, he would be hosting the Annual General meeting of the Dorset Village Hall Association when he would have a chance to share his experiences of what has been achieved. The report can be located by contacting Secretary.

Sallie Maitland Gleed asked if it was wise to have the baby swing in the ball games area adjacent to the zip wire. Richard, having arrived, was able to tell her that informed advice from the play equipment providers and the Play Officer of Dorset Community Action stated that it was acceptable to have a play set with a toddler swing set and the rules now allowed such equipment placing. They also reported that there is no need to fence a separate area if that is already fenced. There being no further comments, acceptance of the Chairman's report was proposed by Marion Regan, seconded by Rose Frost and accepted by all those present.

Then followed election of hall user representatives:

Milborne Parish Council	Marion Regan
Milborne Players	Andy Coetzee
Women's Institute	Jenny Preston
Wednesday Social Club	Margaret Evans
Food & Wine Society	Richard Lock
Gardening Club	Peter Dunkley
Parochial Church Council	Pat Tribe
Scouting Groups	No representative
Youth clubs	No representative
Ladybirds	No representative

Elected members: Elizabeth Humphrey, Maggie Redmill, Kathryn Pochin.

Any other business.

Kath Peniket living in The Causeway asked about the placing of the bench and flower bed at the Milton Road junction. She was informed that this comes under the jurisdiction of the Parish Council and comments need to be made to the Council.

June Maitland mentioned the large pothole in the road surface by the gateway. Hall trustees have received a quote for £200 and it was hoped that it would not be too long before the contractor could fill this in for us. Because we had brought the main gates forward on to our car park, it was our responsibility to pay for the work.

Sallie Maitland Gleed asked about having white lines for parking spaces to increase the number of cars able to park. P.C. Mullins is aware of the problem but Chairman said it would be advisable to wait until we had funds to re-surface the car park.

Marion/Regan proposed trustees look for funding to replace the older play units.

There being no further comments, our President congratulated the village and the trustees for all the brilliant work that had been carried out over the past 12 months.

With thanks to all for attending, Eric Crichton closed the meeting at 7.50 pm.