

The Village Hall

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Draft Notes of the Milborne St Andrew Village Hall AGM

Wednesday 26th April 2023 at 7pm at the Village Hall

Present: Eric Crichton, Sarah Ryan, Ed Frost, Alison Riddle, Sandy Sach, Richard Hawker, Paul Tasker, Amy Stephens, Linsey O'Neill, Dave Andrews, & Linda Wright.

Public attendees - Steve O'Neill & Val Andrews

Apologies: Gren Davies & Susan Poet

Eric welcomed everyone to the AGM, thanked them for coming and hoped that everyone was well.

Acceptance of the minutes of the AGM held 27th April 2022 was proposed by Dave Andrews & seconded by Ed Frost.

Trustees report for the year January 2022 to December 2023:

a) Chairperson's Report:

Sarah highlighted the activities for the year:

With many thanks to our treasurer who sought and obtained grants and oversaw the work that was enabled by them. These included the installing of new windows & doors, and solar panels which will not only make us money but also good for the environment. He has also obtained a grant to extend the car park which will include the future installation of EV charging points.

The committee is a hard working one with people putting in hours on jobs in and around the hall. Sourcing and installing new curtains & blinds, new gent's urinals and most recently mending the flat roof. We have contributed to the purchase of new stage lights for the Players. The sheds have been sorted and cleared.

Two committee members started a monthly community café (firstly for charity) and have continued it which is very popular; regularly bring the community together and a regular income for the hall.

Friends of the Village Hall has been started.

I would like to thank everyone for their support during my time as chairman.

Acceptance of the report was proposed by Alison Riddle and seconded by Sandie and was unanimously accepted.

b) Treasurer's Report:

Ed reported that after all Covid restrictions we were able to almost return to "business as normal". Rental income was down to £14,000 (much better than the years of Covid) but had been about £18,000 before. We were helped out by a small Omicron Covid grant of £2,650. Income from the bar and Community Café made a significant income in excess of £1,000. The Parish Council continue to provide support in the form of Grass cutting & Playpark inspection services.

The new double glazing and front door were installed using our own funds and with a grant from the National Lottery of £10,000 we were able to also install a new back door & patio door. These have provided better insulation and certainly smartened the appearance of the hall especially with the new curtains & blinds.

Having started the year with £28,000 we have ended with a comfortable balance of £15,000.

The building work on the new Huntley Down development released S106 infrastructure funds to the parish. We successfully bid for funds to extend the car park and install a solar PV system.

We do have a note of uncertainty as The Ladybirds Playgroup are hoping to relocate to our village school some time in 2023. It will mean a massive loss of income of more than £10,000 per year. It will therefore be a challenge to find alternative income sources. The hall is well appointed, in a good location and we will need to be pro-active in attracting new uses for the hall.

He thanked Elizabeth Humphrey for auditing the accounts.

Position of Ladybirds – Paul Tasker was able to confirm that the Ladybirds are moving to the school and the hope is to be there for the autumn term. However, as work has not yet begun on modifications to the room it may be that the Ladybirds will still need to use the hall for a period in the autumn.

Acceptance of the financial report was proposed by Sandie Sach & seconded by Linsey O'Neill and accepted by all.

Election of trustees:

Karen Parkes and Barbara Rawlings had stood down during the year. Alison Riddle is standing down.

All other trustees were willing to stand.

With Sarah standing down as chairman Eric thanked her for her hard work for the last 2 years this was agreed by all present.

Eric thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.21pm.

Available at meeting:

1. Agenda
2. Draft notes of AGM held 27th April 2022
3. Financial review 2022; budget for 2022 and statement of assets 2022
4. Nominees for election as trustees