

**EASTON ROYAL VILLAGE HALL**  
**Annual General Meeting**

**held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018 at The Village Hall**

**Minutes**

**Election of members:**

Brian Norman(BN) Proposed we continue with himself as chair, Colin Chesterman(CC) as treasurer and Beverly Turton as secretary

- Unanimously agreed

**Events**

Brian Norman outlined events held in 2017.

- Pimm's Party
- Bingo
- Afternoon tea
- Burns Night
- Quiz Night
- Progressive Supper
- BBQ evening
- Kids Movie afternoon

All events had varying degrees of financial success and were enjoyed by all that attended. The Committee is always keen on giving 'good value for money'

Events planned for 2018 were outlined as they stand so far:

- Venetian Night
- Greek Night
- BBQ lunch @ Easton Manor
- Village Show & Dog Show
- Children's movie afternoon
- Film event for adults? Film suggestions will be sought.

**Finances**

With a view to future expenditure the one major spend in 2017 was replacing crockery and cutlery.

The Village Hall has been given a grant for gazebos. Debbie Lovern is looking into sourcing these.

**Colin Chesterman: Financial Summary for Accounts ending Aug 2017**

There is a copy on the board containing details of figures.

Headlines are total credit including bank accounts, floats and stock £10,339. This is up by just under £1,000 on the same time last year (£9,453).

Pilates and the Bar continue to provide good steady income to the Village Hall

The bar prices have been static since 2012 and given the fact that wine and beer have increased in price it seemed right that the bar prices reflect this. CC proposed a 50p increase on beer, wine and cider. £12 per bottle of wine. Unanimously voted in by all.

Allan Duncan(AD) will inform bar tenders to sell part used wine bottles at the end of the evening. BN thanked Allan for his continued successful running of the bar.

Peta Puyo suggested using boxed wine as it lasts for longer and is of good quality. She has offered to bring some wine for AD to try.

BN and CC have proposed a 5 year maintenance plan which will help to 'future proof' the facilities and general upkeep of the hall. Jobs will include, amongst others, replacement UPVC windows, upgraded shed, replacement oven and dishwasher, replacement fire escape doors due to rotten wood and the floor is too thin to be sanded so will need to be replaced. Floor maintenance survey to be carried out for possible refurbishment in 2020

BN explained that the window frames were rotten and replacement and future painting would work out to be costly. UPVC windows were proposed and agreed by the AGM.

BN explained that the dishwasher is outdated and ineffective. It also leaks water, which could become a health and safety issue. An industrial style dishwasher will be needed and may make the hall more appealing to users. A new industrial style washer is estimated to cost approximately £1,200. Ann Dancer very kindly offered to contribute £500 of the funding towards the replacement.

Hillary Hollinsworth suggested having a proper survey of the fabric of the hall to ensure that we identify all jobs that may need doing.

Tricia Duncan is concerned that the number of jobs on the 5 year plan is a big undertaking.

Cedric Hollinsworth. Suggested that we contact the Area Board as a possible for a source of income. Requests made now should get approval in April. Joint meeting with BN, CC and Mr Kunkler was suggested.

Cedric Hollinsworth suggested that we look at the health and safety risks of the current flap opening over the bar following the injury to a villager. An alternative needs to be looked into.

Margaret Holden suggested that lots of notice is given for maintenance events to ensure maximum support.

Peta Puyo suggested writing to residents to ask for financial donations towards specific projects. Tricia Duncan also suggested that a letter to residents would benefit 'weekenders' who may prefer to contribute money rather than time or volunteering.

The meeting ended with BN on behalf of the Committee thanking everyone for attending and opening the Bar for complimentary drinks.

Minutes completed by Debbie Lovern