

Village Hall AGM

5th June 2023, Easton Royal Village Hall

Present:

Committee Tom D(Chair), Colin C (Treasurer), Debbie L (Secretary), Carole C, Fay D, Judy G, Ben G and Rob A

Villagers: Tricia and Alan Duncan, Karen and Bill Nimmo-Scott, Ray Choules, Sarah Townsend-Rose, Chris Thompson, Carrie Blakeney, Mark and Amanda Baines, Simon Frodsham, Peta Puyo, Emma Dickie

Apologies: Hew Helps, Anna Patterson, Dawn Hamblin, Daniel Puyo, Ann Dancer

Chair Persons Report

ACTIVITIES

Throughout the year a number of successful and well attended events were held: Rock on the Rec, Village Show, Oktoberfest, Quiz Night and Wine Tasting to name a few. These bigger events are running alongside more regular VH activities: weekly Friday Bar Night, monthly Pop-up Pizza Night, monthly Greasy Spoon

BOOKINGS

We have 1 regular weekly booking – yoga. In addition to ad hoc bookings for parties etc, there are approximately 15 regular group bookings that take place throughout the year.

REFURBISHMENT

The results of the village wide survey on the future design of the village hall were inclusive. There was almost an even split between ‘do nothing’ and ‘completely redesign and rebuild’. As a result, the committee have taken the decision to maintain the hall in its current guise. We are pleased that a structural engineer found the VH to be in a sound state and should be good for the foreseeable future.

MAINTAINANCE

This year a new fridge freezer, microwave and outside electrical cable has been purchased. The cleaning cupboard is now well stocked, and a new cleaner has been appointed. Judy G has very kindly donated her tea urn to the VH.

It has been raised that the committee should look into what chairs and tables we have to support outdoor events such as the Coronation as these resources were found to be lacking.

COMMITTEE ROLES

Tom extended thanks to the whole village for supporting the VH events and also the committee members for the successful ownership of their allotted tasks:

Allan D – bar	Debbie L – Greasy Spoon, Pizza Night	Judy – Greasy Spoon and
Colin C – finances	and VH email	events
Ben G – events	Fay – upkeep and cleaning	Carole – events
Rob A – bookings	Hew - village communication	

RESIGNATION

After many years of service, Carole Choules stood down from the Committee. Many thanks were extended to Carole for all of her help and organisation. Carole was presented with flowers by way of thanks.

In light of this resignation, the committee would like to recruit 2 new members to the team. Anyone interested is encouraged to speak to any of the current members.

Treasurers Report

Financial Summary of year ending 31st August 2022

It has been a challenging year, as we had to navigate through increased outgoings and work towards stabilising our finances.

We experienced a significant decrease of £3,850, resulting in our total reserves decreasing from £16,637 in August 2021 to £12,787. The majority of this loss occurred in the first half of the year due to a slower recovery from the impact of Covid than anticipated. Additionally, the increase in energy supply costs, being our largest expense, had a substantial impact on our finances. Thanks to the collective efforts of our community, we managed to regain our financial stability and even make progress during the late summer months. Several successful events contributed to our recovery, such as Rock on the Rec, the Pimm's Party, the introduction of food during some Friday night bar sessions, the Village Show and an increased level of bookings for the Village Hall.

Looking ahead the future is optimistic and by continuing to host engaging events and maximizing the utilisation of our Village Hall, we can generate the necessary funds to support its maintenance and improvement.

Election of Committee

Re-election of the whole Committee proposed and seconded by attendees.

Questions and Answers

Bill N-S suggested that solar panels maybe a good way of reducing the high electric bills. Agreed that this would be good, and Bill has undertaken to do some research into visibility, costs and grants.

Allan D highlighted that he feels that the bar prices are too high and is impacting negatively on the number of villagers using the bar. Peta P suggested that a % mark-up should be agreed and applied to all drinks so that the prices are fair across the range. The committee have agreed that at their next meeting they will review the costs, but more events may need to be held to offset the cost reduction.

Bill N-S suggested that the committee should look for volunteers from the village community to suggest and host events with the support of the committee. It was accepted that this should be encouraged.

Meeting Closed.