

## Village Hall AGM

8<sup>th</sup> March 2020, Easton Royal Village Hall

### Present:

Committee Brian Norman (Chair), Colin Chesterman (Treasurer), Debbie Lovern (Secretary), Liz Norman, Hew Helps, Carole Choules, Fay Doyle, Tom Doyle,

Villagers: Tricia Duncan, Allan Duncan, Karen Nimmo-Scott, Bill Nimmo-Scott, Keith Lovern, Jan Howard, Richard Howard, Wendy Trayhern, Jennifer Turton, Ray Choules, Paul Narizzano, Pauline Archer, Sheila Granger, Beverley Helps, Margaret Holden and Judith Mclain

Apologies: Judy Grange, Anne and Brian Dancer, Sarah Crooks and Jane Lightfoot,

### Chairperson Review

BN opened the meeting by outlining a small part of the deed of conveyance for the Village Hall in order to highlight that although the VH committee spends a great deal of time on ensuring that the Village Hall (VH) is in good repair and that we have raised sufficient funds to carry out this work, but they are also very aware that the VH is a social centre for the village and our planning should have a balance of the two.

**“The Trustees shall permit the Hall to be used in perpetuity as a place of recreation and social intercourse for the benefit of the Parish of Easton Royal and its immediate vicinity, without distinction of sex or of political or other opinions, either gratuitously or in consideration of such payment as the trustees think fit”. July 1933**

On going events such as the monthly Greasy Spoon, Sewing Afternoons and the weekly Bar contribute to this ongoing social aspect. Thanks are extended to all of those involved in these activities; Allan Duncan, Bill and Karen N-S, Wendy T, Liz N, Judy G, and Carole C.

In **2019** significant events included Nigel Hall, Murder Mystery, Kids Movie, Race Night, Pimm's, Housekeeping Day, Village Show, Remembrance Day, Disco Evening.

**2020** events planned are Greasy Spoon and Sewing/Craft afternoons will continue. Other planned events 18<sup>th</sup> April Great Pudding evening, 8<sup>th</sup> May VE Day celebration, 4<sup>th</sup> July Rocking on The Rec (lead by Liz Johnson) and 2<sup>nd</sup> August Pimm's at The Manor.

### Maintenance and Improvement

From the Committees 5 year maintenance plan the following major items have been completed.

Painting the external cladding, fitting of new windows and double fire doors.

Upcoming maintenance work: we are obtaining a quotation to replace the kitchen and main doors as they are both hard to open in the winter due to wet weather , there is some electrical work to do and an investigation on the floor to decide how we can improve it.

Also, together with the Parish Council, looking at their 10-year plan for the Recreation Ground, there may be an opportunity to extend the VH when the playground is rebuilt and relocated.

### **Committee changes**

Jane Lightfoot has stepped down from the committee and we thank her for her work as the booking's secretary. We are pleased to welcome Tricia Duncan who will take on this role going forward.

This concluded the report and Richard Howard proposed a vote of thanks to BN and all of the committee for their hard work.

### **Treasurers Report**

Full copy of the finances is available but these are the headlines

Liquid assets as of 31/9/19 were £9,604. This is a reduction of £3,824 from the 2018 figure of £13,428 due to the execution of planned maintenance and improvement work.

Income generated for 12 months up to Aug 2019 was £2,325 which is greater than the annual running costs of the hall.

One-off fund-raising events generated a further £1,545

We are currently 2 years through a 5 year maintenance plan and have spent £14k of an estimated £24k. Work done this year included redecoration and preservation of the external cladding of the hall and new windows. Next year 2 further external doors will be replaced.

Thanks to the villagers who have made donations and supported the fund-raising events

### **Re-election of the Village Hall Committee**

CC invited re-election of BN as the Chairperson.

- Proposed by CC
- Seconded by Allan Duncan
- Jane Lightfoot and Katie Chesterman have resigned from the committee
- No other Villagers present put themselves forward to join the Committee and the re-election was unanimously approved

### **Public Discussion**

Extension to the VH

- Grants and funding opportunities will need to be investigated as it is likely to be a heavy expense.

- Bill Nimmo-Scott would like to be involved in the process and has experience having helped the school with their extension.
- Karen Nimmo-Scott questioned ownership of the land surrounding the VH as we only own a small area surrounding the hall. The Parish Council own the remainder of the Rec. Pauline Archer says that the PC are looking into this and the restriction of land usage and the possibility of allowing the Village Hall to extend.
- Tricia Duncan and Allan Duncan felt that we should clearly define what extra space is needed and that the requirements are identified. The usage of the hall for any big events would be severely restricted due to the lack of parking available.
- Jan Howard suggested that an email to the whole village to gauge requirements and gather ideas would be useful.

Beverley Helps proposed a vote of thanks to Jane Lightfoot for her many years of work with the VH committee.

**Meeting closed.**