The Margaret Harker Hall and Blofield Memorial Ground Yarmouth Road, Blofield, Norwich, NR13 4LE Registered Charity No. 303908

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Monday 24th August 2020 at 7:30pm held at the Margaret Harker

Hall

Trustees Present:

Julian Rudd, Chairperson (JR) Jenny Cuthbert, Secretary (JC) Rusty Carter, B&B Sea Scouts (RC) Barry Murphy, Blofield United FC (BM) Roger Sandall, Ad-hoc (RS) Paul Batchelor, Treasurer (PB) Margaret Bray, Booking Secretary (MB) Martin Warren, Tennis Club (MW) Zoey Mathews, Pre-school (ZM) Sandra Robinson, Ad-hoc Badminton

(SR)

Val Baker, Ad-hoc (VB)

Also Present:

Kerry Sturman, Minute taker (KS) Sarah Dhesi, Blofield Parish Council (SD)

- 1. Welcome by the Chair.
- Apologies for absence.
 Ben Petley, Vice chair (BP) (JS)

Joseph Scholes, Blofield Parish Council

- Approval of the minutes of the last AGM dated 24th May 2019. These were approved as a true record by the Trustees and Chairman
- 4. Matters arising there were none to record.
- 5. Chair's Annual Report.

JR read his report as follows:

Well another year has passed and what an eventful one it has been what with the completion of the toilet refurbishments and tackling most if not all of the structural needs of the building, all been made possible with the financial help from the Blofield Parish Council and grants and loans from other areas, a lot of work carried out by our treasurer Paul putting a lot of commitment and time into completing and overseeing the works taking place and we thank him for his great support over this time. Also I would like to thank all of the committee members and trustees for all of your support and time carrying out many other tasks through the course of this year ensuring that

Margaret Harker Hall can and will be a great asset to the village now and in the future.

Some changes have taken place through the year within the committee and the members concerned have now settled into their new roles with the assistance of the outgoing members and thank you all for your help and support as well.

As we all know earlier in the year we were all hit by the Covid 19 and the problems that has brought for us all, the hall was closed down as were all of the other groups that use the hall, the Scouts Group, Football club and tennis Clubs. All of us have lost a lot of revenue and it felt like the village had come to a standstill, hopefully this will soon end but the question will be can we or even will we be allowed to carry on as before, hopefully we will.

On looking forward we hope that the Scouts, tennis club and football clubs are able to pick things up and carry onto a height that they can continue to prosper as they were doing before all the lockdown and changes that have been made, that said I really hope that with the continued support of the parish council and all the changes and improvements that hopefully are coming our way that we can once again be the greatest asset not only to Blofield but also the surrounding areas as well as making our village and surrounding areas a better place to live.

Again I wish to thank all members and trustees for their support and the assistance over the last year of the parish council more importantly the villagers and their families who without their continued support this facility would not be able to continue.

6. Treasurer's Financial Report.

PB read his report as follows:

The accounts as at 31st December 2019 show we have spent £3068 more than our income for the year, reducing our Reserves to £35705, of which Cash Reserves total £29364. This disguises what in fact has been a good year financially for the Margaret Harker Hall for the following reasons

1. The main toilets have been completely refurbished at a cost of £34619. This has been funded as follows

Own funds £11019 (£700 to be paid in 2020 Accounts)

Blofield Parish Council £6100 (paid direct to builders)

Awards For All Grant £10000

Norfolk Community Fund £5000

Watling Charity £2500

Total Cost 34619

2. Disregarding transactions relating to the Toilet Refurbishment in 2019 accounts we would have had a surplus for the year of £7251, an increase of £1244 on 2018.

Income - increased by £541, mainly due to increased Hall hire income.

Expenditure Normal expenditure was well controlled and was slightly down on 2018 at £17872

3. On accountants advice the value of the Hall and Grounds has been included in the accounts for the first time based on 10 years income and £5000 per acre for the site. This has increased our assets by £225000.

Proposal

I wish to recommend that we adopt the accounts for 2019 and reappoint Aston Shaw as auditors for 2020.

As you know I am stepping down from the committee at this AGM and have already handed over the Treasurer's duties to Jenny Cuthbert. I know I am leaving the finances of the hall in very capable hands and I wish Jenny and all the committee the very best for the future.

I have enjoyed my 14 years as Treasurer of the Margaret Harker Hall, during which time I like to think that I have helped to improve and sustain these community facilities for the residents of Blofield.

7. Booking Secretary's Report.

MB read her report:

Hall bookings were going well with weekdays/evenings fully booked and a good number of ad hoc bookings over the weekends until week beginning 16th March when cancellations started to happen in response to the Coronavirus. During that week we took the decision to close the hall and I cancelled all regular user and 12 ad hoc bookings that were due to take place over the next couple of months. A deep clean of the hall was done by the cleaner and weekly checks of the hall were instigated for insurance purposes.

In consultation with the Pre-School Manager, the committee decided that the hall would open from 1st June for the sole use of Pre-School. All sessions finished on Thursday16th July and the hall remains closed until Thursday 3rd September when Pre-School have their new intake morning.

Over the last few weeks a couple of regular users emailed to ask when we would be opening up the hall again and the committee decided that we could look into re-opening the hall to a reduced number of regular users from 3rd September if we could do this safely and within the regulations. A meeting on the 10th August for the sole purpose of looking into the situation was proposed and a report provided on how we can move forward safely within the guidelines.

The Coronavirus has certainly reduced income for the hall and this will continue into the winter as only a very limited number of regular users are expected to return at present and no ad hoc bookings are likely to happen.

 Appointment and Election of the Management Committee:
 PB proposed that JR be appointed again for the role of Chair. This was seconded by RS. There were no objections. This was accepted by JR.

Other positions were agreed to be carried over: Ben Petley - Vice Chair Jenny Cuthbert - Treasurer Margaret Bray - Bookings Secretary

Kerry Sturman - Secretary (Non-trustee)

The following were elected as a block

- Roger Sandall Sandra Robinson Mark Warren Barry Murphy Rusty Carter Zoey Mathews Simon Underwood
- 9. Approval of 2019 accounts and appointment of Auditors:
 - a. The accounts were approved by the Committee
 - b. The Committee agreed to appoint Aston Shaw as Auditors for 2020 as per PB's recommendation in his Treasurer's report.

Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st December 2019

For

Margaret Harker Hall and Blofield Memorial Ground

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General Information For the Year Ended 31st December 2019

ADDRESS:

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ACCOUNTANTS:

Aston Shaw Chartered Certified Accountants The Union Building 51-59 Rose Lane Norwich Norfolk, NR1 1BY

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 303908

TRUSTEES: Mr J Rudd Chairman Mr B Petley Vice Chair Mrs J Cuthbert Secretary Mr P Batchelor Treasurer Mrs M Bray **Bookings Secretary** Mr R Carter Mrs S Robinson Mr S Underwood Mrs Z Matthews Mrs V Baker Mr M Keenan Mr B Murphy Mr M Warren Mr R Sandall

PARISH COUNICL REPRESENTATIVE:

Mr J Scholes Mrs S Dhesi

Independent Examiner's Report to the Margaret Harker Hall and Blofield Memorial Ground Committee

I report on the accounts of the Margaret Harker Hall and Blofield Memorial Ground for the year ended 31st December 2019 which are set out on pages 4 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of committee and examiner

The charity's management committee is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's management committee consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43(3) (a) of the 1993 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down on the General Directions given by the Charity commissioners (under section 43(7) (b) of the 1993 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as the committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met.

2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Aston Shaw Chartered Certified Accountants The Union Building 51-59 Rose Lane Norwich Norfolk, NR1 1BY

Date: 5th March 2020

Object of the Charity

The object of the charity is the provision of community facilities in the village of Blofield. The charity also aims to promote the wider usage of village amenities by <u>all</u> members of the community.

Trustees and Governance

The Management Committee are the managing trustees of the charity in accordance with the original declaration of the charity.

Each body which regularly uses the facilities is entitled to appoint one representative to the Management Committee.

Activities

The main activity of the Management Committee is the maintenance of the Hall and associated land, ensuring that it is in accordance with all relevant legislative requirements including Health and Safety, access for disabled users and entertainment licences.

Signature and Declaration

I declare in my capacity of charity trustee, that:

- the trustees have approved the report above; and
- have authorised me to sign it on their behalf

P Batchelor Treasurer Date:

Statement of Financial Affairs For the Year Ended 31st December 2019

| | 31. | .12.19 | 31.1 | 2.18 |
|--|--------|----------|--------|---------------|
| Income: | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ |
| Hall Rents (note 1) | 20,231 | | 19,132 | |
| Ground Rent (note 2) | 1,161 | | 1,144 | |
| Grants Received (note 3) | 20,402 | | 3,525 | |
| Bank Interest Received | 191 | | 143 | |
| | 41,985 | | 23,944 | |
| | +1,705 | | 23,744 | |
| Expenditure: | | | | |
| Ground Maintenance (note 4) Hall Maintenance, Equipment Repairs | 4,437 | | 4,442 | |
| & Administration Expenses (note 5) | 38,810 | | 11,958 | |
| Accountancy | 530 | | 522 | |
| Licences | 481 | | 454 | |
| Subscriptions/Memberships | 115 | | 178 | |
| Professional Fees | 680 | | 383 | |
| | 45,053 | | 17,937 | |
| | 43,033 | | 17,957 | |
| | | (2.0.00) | | < 00 7 |
| | | (3,068) | | 6,007 |
| Amount carried forward to | | | | |
| Accumulated Fund | | (3,068) | | 6,007 |
| | | | | |
| Accumulated Fund brought forward | | 38,202 | | 32,195 |
| Excess of Income over Expenditure | | (3,068) | | 6,007 |
| Valuation of Land & Property | | 225,000 | | |
| | | | | |
| Accumulated Fund carried forward | | 260,134 | | 38,202 |
| | | | | |

Balance Sheet As at 31st December 2019

| | | 31.12.19 | | 31.12.18 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| FIXED ASSETS: | | | | |
| MHH & Blofield Memorial Ground Land & Property (note 8) | | 225,000 | | |
| | | 225,000 | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS: | | | | |
| Debtors and Prepayments (note 7) Bank Deposit Account Cash at Bank and in Hand COIF Charity Deposit Fund Virgin Charity Deposit Account Petty Cash | | 6,341 7 5,155 46 24,128 28 | | 5,616 7 4,255 46 28,937 |
| | | 35,705 | | 38,861 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES: | | | | |
| Creditor and Accruals (note 6) | | (571) | | (659) |
| | | | | |
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Notes to the Accounts For the Year Ended 31st December 2019

| | | 2019 £ | 2018 £ |
|----|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
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| | Badminton Play Group Other Regulars One off Hiring | 4,231 8,024 6,482 1,494 | 4,115 7,563 5,779 1,675 |
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| 4. | Ground Maintenance | | |
| | Maintenance Norse | 996 | 949 |
| | Play area | 338 | 133 |
| | Treework & Gardening | 2,460 | 1,800 |
| | General Maintenance | 643 | 1,560 |
| | | | |
| | | 4,437 | 4,442 |
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5. <u>Hall Maintenance & Repairs</u>

| Insurance | 1,453 | 1,467 |
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| Rates & Water | 346 | 1,754 |
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| Telephone | 488 | 522 |
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| General (inc. print & stationery) | 198 | 203 |
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| Maintenance alarm | 86 | 86 |
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| Play area Repairs | | 72 |
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| 6. | Creditors & Accruals | | |
| | Accountancy Wave (Water) | 533 38 | 500 159 |
| | | 571 | 659 |
| 7 | | | |
| 7. | Debtors & Prepayments | | |
| | Hall Rent Other Regulars Playgroup | 871 1,640 1,978 | 540 1,334 1,891 |
| | Rates Insurance | 278 1,230 | 163 1,341 |
| | PRS Licence | 344 | 347 |
| | | 6,341 | 5,616 |
| | | | |

8. Land & Property

During the period under review, the freehold deeds were incorporated into the accounts and were valued at $\pounds 225,000$. This was based on 10 years rental income at $\pounds 20,000$ per annum plus $\pounds 5,000$ per acre for the 5 acres of land.

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