

CLEEVE PRIOR WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 19 February 2019 at 6 pm in the Hall

Present: Ian Robinson (Chairman), Susan Mortimer (Secretary), Doug Carr, Hazel Stewart Davies, Pat Colbourne, Mary Sylvester, Sue Taylor

In attendance: Simon Davies

Apologies for absence: Julie Freeman, Paul Freeman, Rosemary Perl, Joanna Fathers

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13 February 2018

These were accepted as a true record and signed by Ian Robinson.

Matters arising: None

Chairman's report for the year ended 31 December 2019

The Chairman presented his report which is reproduced here.

We have had a successful year and have managed to fill the financial gap left by the loss of the pre-school income. We still have:

- The Short mat bowls, 3 sessions a week
- The Tea Shop with 2 afternoon sessions per month for the seniors
- Monthly we have Parish Council, Bridge and Garden club

We added at the beginning of the year

- Circuits
- Tai Chi
- Yoga
- Pilates [stopped due to lack of instructor, still hopeful it can be restarted]

The Pop-up bar was a great success on a Friday night but the regular opening time ceased with the re-opening of the Kings Arms.

Hall Fabric

We have had no major issues this year apart from the failure of the boiler pump in the downstairs toilet. We wish to express our sincere thanks to Paul Robinson for fixing the table storage cupboard in the hall, and to Peter Wilson who has repainted the gates at the front.

We are grateful to Paul Freeman who has kindly offered to refurbish the toilets for the cost of the materials only, this year. We are still reviewing the replacement of the tea shop carpet, the first quotations we received were too high.

Finances

The finances are now healthy with a year-end balance of £17,194.67 [subject to audit] against last year's balance of £12,839, an increase of £4,356 over the year. We also hold in our accounts c £1,500 for the village.

Events

We did not have as many events, this year, only Kevin Grenfell early on, the Village Memorial Cricket Match in July and a Chroniclers' talk in the autumn. Throughout the year we had several quiz events and a successful private hire for the bar.

There was the Wharf event which was not a Hall activity but, with the cricket match, managed to increase the funds held by the Hall for the village.

The Christmas events went well, especially considering that we changed the focus. The Bingo was popular with the children and the Film night organisationally a success, however the attendance was not high.

2019

With the loss of the Pre-school and the reopening of the Pub, we need to refocus to ensure we have an income to cover our costs, although we will not have the income of last year. We have Kevin Grenfell booked in April and the Cricket Match in July.

We have advertised the use of the hall for villagers free of charge, as long as they use the Pop-up bar. This includes village groups, and already we have had bookings on this basis from the Garden Club, and Peter Howe for a wildlife talk.

We are proposing to have additional Bingo sessions this year, due to the success previously and we are asking the village whether there is an appetite for a Rural Cinema in the Hall as we now have the set up.

We will be having quizzes but will be liaising with the Pub to alternate with them throughout the year.

Thanks

The culmination of 2018 was the Seniors' Lunch. A very successful event and thanks must be given to the kitchen team, especially Annemarie who ran the kitchen, the front of house, the Bar and, not to be forgotten, the performers. Thanks are also due to the committee and individuals who have supported the committee with other individual efforts including:

The pop-up bartenders for the many Bars

Les Bratt & Barry Sheen- Quizmasters

Mick Hughes for his sterling work selling Christmas trees

We must also express our greatest thanks to Keith Richards for his sterling role of cleaner/caretaker. He is doing a wonderful job. We also wish to thank Sal for being booking Secretary, which has made life so much easier for the rest of the team

Our thanks also go to our new committee members: Doug, Joanna, Julie and Paul, whose contributions have been very much appreciated.

The Chairman was thanked for his report.

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018 and Treasurer's report

IR presented accounts for the year to 31 December 2018, subject to audit*. As mentioned above in his annual report, the finances are now healthy with a year-end balance of £17,194.67 [subject to audit] against last year's balance of £12,839, an increase of £4,356 over the year. We also hold in our accounts c £1,500 for the village. Income during the year has been boosted by the exercise classes and pop-up bar. A considerable saving on insurance has been made by combining with the Parish Council, who already pay for public liability for the Hall.

***Note for Charity Commission: As of 12 September 2019, these accounts were audited and approved by Joseph Bratt, ACA.**

It is expected that in 2019, with a surplus of approximately only £750, we will break even. Income should equal expenditure on cleaning, administration, etc. A sum of £1,500 will be allowed for renovation of the toilets.

Events and hire during 2019 will include special Garden Club meeting, Wildlife talk, Kevin Grenfell jazz, cricket, Chroniclers' event, two quizzes, two bingo evenings, PTA fundraiser, possible Antiques Roadshow and one film night.

Election of Committee Members

The following members had agreed to stand for re-election: Ian Robinson was proposed by Mary Sylvester and seconded by Hazel Stewart Davies; Rosemary Perl was proposed by Hazel Stewart Davies and seconded by Pat Colbourne, and Susan Mortimer (for one more year) was proposed by Sue Taylor and seconded by Mary Sylvester. Voting was unanimous

Representative members: Hazel Stewart Davies agreed to continue as Parish Council rep, Sue Taylor as PCC rep, Mary Sylvester as Bridge Club rep, Pat Colbourne as Bowls Club rep, Julie Freeman as Garden Club rep. The Representative Members acting as Bar Committee had also indicated their agreement to continue: Keith Richards (Players), David Davenport (CPHT), Paul Robinson (2nd Bowls Club), Men's group (Mick Hughes). Ian Robinson proposed they be accepted en bloc, and Susan Mortimer seconded. John and Jenny Hawyard had unfortunately retired as bar managers due to John's poor health.

Co-opted members: Doug Carr (stating that he would have significant professional and domestic commitments), Paul Freeman and Joanna Fathers agreed to continue, proposed by Ian Robinson and seconded by Hazel Stewart Davies. Ian Robinson was delighted to propose Simon Davies as an additional co-opted member, seconded by Pat Colbourne. He was warmly welcomed to the Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.30 pm.