

SWANLAND VILLAGE HALL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 16th July 2015

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Committee members Godfrey Burley (Chair), Colin Hill, Jan Rogerson, Martin Peel, Yvonne Dumsday, Keith Carpenter, Allan Quarterman plus members of the public John McKain, John White, Ian MacFarlane and Graham Latter.

APOLOGIES: Derek Shepherd (Parish Council), Priya Manoharan, Razia Wilson and Marion Riley.

MINUTES OF THE 2014 AGM: No matters were discussed under this heading. The minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2014 were accepted as a true record of events, proposed by John McKain and seconded by Keith Carpenter.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES : None

CHAIRMAN'S PROGRESS REPORT: (See attached copy)

The chairman, Godfrey Burley, reported that the hall had had another successful year. There had been a continued high level of bookings from residents and other people in what was probably the best public hall in the area. Of particular note was the increased level of wedding bookings and forward bookings for weddings were very encouraging.

The finances of the hall continued to be satisfactory although there was a small deficit of expenditure over income of £797 for the year. This was due to the very large sum spent on repair and maintenance of the hall during the year. The deficit had been met by a transfer from substantial reserves. At the year end cash in the bank amounted to £46,000.00.

During the year there had been number of changes of trustees. Tessa Williams, treasurer, and Barry Maddison, trustee, had resigned in 2014.

Barry was replaced by Razia Wilson and Tessa was replaced by Allan Quartermann.

Past trustees were thanked by the chairman for their contribution to the work of the committee and the new trustees were welcomed to the committee.

The solar panels, installed in 2011, continued to generate sufficient electricity to significantly reduce electricity costs. A refund of £1600.00 had been made to the hall recently to reflect savings made in the last 12 – 18 months.

Working parties at which trustees and volunteers undertook maintenance work on the hall had continued through the year. The chairman thanked John McKain for his continuing contribution to the working parties.

The chairman reminded everyone that he always welcomed volunteers to become trustees.

John White asked that further information be given on bookings. Martin Peel explained that bookings were slightly ahead on this time last year. He also explained that prime slots are filled and it is difficult to accept new long term bookings although one off bookings can usually be fitted in. Short term bookings had been successful with a wide range of people making the bookings. 6 weddings for 2016/17 had already been booked. Out of town retail bookings were not encouraged. There would be the potential for an electronic database to be used for bookings in the near future.

Graham Latter requested feed back on the hall's website that he controls and the chairman thanked Graham for his continuing work on a very good website. Martin Peel stated that the excellent website led to many bookings of the hall.

Graham Latter also stated that -

The hosepipe connection from Christ Church does not reach the flower baskets on the hall. The chairman stated that if the hall installed similar baskets in 2016 the gardening group should approach the management committee to request the fitting of an outside tap.

The SVA will issue a new village guide in 2016 and the village hall will be allocated a page within the guide.

Colin Hotham , who was the original driving force behind the village hall project , would be 90 years of age later in 2015 and he suggested that this could be marked by the naming of a room after Colin or by some other form of recognition. The chairman said that the trustees would discuss this at the next management meeting.

ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 December 2014. (Copies of Profit and Loss were available at the meeting)

The chairman explained that the final accounts were had not been completed but details of profit and loss were available. Redecoration had impacted on the finances of the hall in 2014 and, without this cost, a healthy profit would have been made, despite increased wage costs.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The chairman explained that the Trust Deed provided for the election of seven trustees at the annual general meeting each year and that, in addition, the Parish Council nominated a trustee. As the hall has ten trustees, the remaining three would be co-opted at the trustees meeting following the AGM.

It was proposed by Ian MacFarlane and seconded by John McKain, that Godfrey Burley, Marion Riley, Martin Peel, Keith Carpenter, Jan Rogerson, Priya Manoharan and Yvonne Dumsday be elected as trustees until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting.

The nomination by the Parish Council of a representative is expected to be made shortly.

Colin Hill, Razia Wilson and Allan Quarterman would be co-opted as trustees at the first meeting of the Management Committee after the annual general meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8.10 pm. The meeting will be re-convened when the accounts have been completed.

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