

YELLING VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 9th May 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Trustees: Tom Race (Chairman); Will Sleigh (Vice-Chairman); Susan Bownass (Secretary); Lynda Nicholls (Treasurer); Iris Shea (Bookings Manager); Phil Jackson; Hugh Reed Herbert; Paul Hepworth.

Also present: John Tack (Honorary Life President); Paul Hill; Katy Davies; John Bownass; Elly Peal.

Apologies: Miriam Gaskin; Peter Hardy; Simon Dell.

Before the meeting a new patio bench with an inscribed plaque was dedicated to the memory of Vi Tack, Honorary Life President, who died on 31st December 2023. Tom paid tribute to Vi's active involvement with the Hall since its inception in 1970.

1. Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting:

The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes: None.

3. Chairman's Report - Summary:

(A full copy of the report is attached to the file copy of these Minutes)

Tom thanked all the Trustees for their dedication over the past year. Iris and Susan, who would be stepping down in the foreseeable future were thanked for their efforts in keeping the Hall's business running smoothly, and Lynda was congratulated for successfully taking on the role of Treasurer.

In the past year several projects had been completed: Superfast broadband had been installed. The patio had been extended and the bottom of the garden levelled off, partially funded by a grant from the Cotton Farm Windfarm. Safety fencing had been erected to one side of the level area, plus a new patio gate, both organised by Paul Hepworth. The fuse board in the main hall had been upgraded, together with a new electricity supply to the external toilet and beer store, meaning the unsightly overhead cables had been removed.

4. Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Accounts for 2023/24:

(A full copy of the report and accounts is attached to the file copy of these Minutes)

The Treasurer's Report and the accounts for the year ending 31st January 2024 had been previously circulated to the Trustees. In her report Lynda gave a comprehensive summary and explanation of income and expenditure. Rental income of £7,792 was the highest ever, due to a general increase in the total number of lettings, including new hirers Cambridge Counselling Training and Jazzercise, and regular hirers continuing to use the Hall.

Expenditure was lower than the previous year. Major costs were for repairs and maintenance, including a total of £11,685 for the patio extension, retaining wall and levelling of the garden.

Lynda reported that the new Natwest bank account had finally been set up. She thanked Ian Newbold for examining the accounts. Ian had confirmed that he would be willing to continue as Examiner next year.

Tom Race proposed, and Phil Jackson seconded, that the Treasurer's Report and Accounts be adopted. Carried unanimously, and the Accounts were signed by the Trustees.

5. Election of Members to the Village Hall Management Committee:

Miriam Gaskin had indicated her wish to step down as a Trustee. All were very sorry to hear this, and were grateful for her input during the three years she had been a Trustee.

The following were the Appointed Representatives of the village organisations specified in the Hall's Deed of Trust and were therefore confirmed as members of the Management Committee and as Trustees without election:

Coffee & Craft	Lynda Nicholls
Yelling Church	Susan Bownass
Yelling Parish Council	Tom Race
Social Club	Phil Jackson
Yelling & District WI	Iris Shea

The following wished to continue as Trustees:

Will Sleight
Hugh Reed Herbert
Paul Hepworth

Iris Shea proposed and Phil Jackson seconded that they be elected. Carried unanimously.

Peter Hardy and Simon Dell (both not present at the meeting) wished to be elected as Trustees. Proposed by Hugh Reed Herbert and seconded by Paul Hepworth. Carried unanimously.

6. Trustees' Report:

(A full copy of the Report is attached to the file copy of these Minutes)

The Trustees' Report had been previously circulated. There were no questions, and Tom signed the Report on behalf of the Trustees.

7. Any Other Business:

Paul Hill congratulated the Committee on their work to ensure another successful year for the Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Signed:

Date: