

## FRITWELL VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ONLINE ON 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020

**Present:** Giles Davies (GD), Michael Robson (MR), Gail Barnhill (GB), Colin Smith (CS), Glynis Lowdon (GL), Christine Denton (CD), Helen Metcalfe (HM), Polly Foster (PF)(Chair of the Parish Council)

GD welcomed those present to the meeting

#### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Daniel Kimber and Vivienne Harding

#### **2. Minutes of AGM held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Approved as a true record.

#### **3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Windowsills: they are still in a state of disrepair and will be so until work is undertaken.

#### **4. Financial Report**

The end of year accounts (see attached) were compiled by the previous Treasurer, Ria Bentley, who has since resigned. They show healthy balances at the end of the financial year. The Committee accepted and approved the accounts.

#### **5. Chairman's Report**

GD presented the report on behalf of himself and MR. (See attached)

He noted that the year has been dominated by COVID-19 but never-the-less the Committee has undertaken and achieved much, including provision of new storage, work related to trees on the land, securing grants, managing the hall throughout closure keeping abreast with legislative requirement, compiling risk assessments and looking to the future with the Options Report. He thanked the Committee for these undertakings. There is a three-fold vision for the future; continue to support the community, re-open the hall and proceed with the options report. He stressed the ongoing dangers of the pandemic and the safety of residents and therefore the need to follow all guidelines. He and MR will be meeting with quantity surveyors in furtherance of the Options Report. CS thanked GD and MR for taking on their roles, understand their other commitments. He stressed that no decisions will be taken without consulting the Community. PF said the Parish Council wishes to support any developments and would like to stay in touch by sending observers to the meetings. Now any representative would have to be a full working member of the Committee and this is not possible with only four Councillors. She would like the situation to be re-considered.

MR stated that there are no secrets, it is early in the process and not yet at the stage of external dialogue, though he is happy to chat with PF.

The matter will be discussed at the Committee meeting. HM proposed, GL seconded that the Report be accepted. Agreed unanimously.

**6. Election of the Committee**

All existing members of the Committee resigned. All were prepared to continue to serve as members of the Committee and so were re-elected. Gail Barnhill, who had been assisting the Committee as Acting Treasurer, was elected as a full member of the Committee. Positions of Officers will remain the same, with GB as Treasurer.

**7. Any Other Business**

- GB officially thanked all the volunteers who have assisted with events or the running of the hall, particularly, David Barnhill for Thirsty Thursday and Alistair Lowdon.
- CD seconded this. There is good will in the community about the new storage facility.
- PF thanked the Committee

The meeting ended at 7.50pm