



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 14TH MARCH 2023 AT 7.30PM IN THE
VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cass Miller Jones (CMJ), Gail Barnhill (GB), Colin Smith (CS), Christine Denton (CD), Vivienne Harding (VH), Sarah Penkethman (SP), Glynis Lowdon (GL) and Helen Metcalfe (HM). Five members of the public also attended.

1. Apologies

Daniel Kimber (DK) and Kelley Hood (KH)

2. Minutes of AGM held on 21st June 2022

Approved and Signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

4. Financial Report

GB presented the Accounts for the end of the financial year January 2022 to December 2022. (See attached) This was the first full year of operating as a CIO and show a healthy net profit of £4387.96. There had been two large items of expenditure, the repair of the floor and legal and professional fees relating to plans for a new hall and completion of becoming a CIO. The accounts had been independently examined in line with the Charity Commissions requirements. HM proposed, GB seconded and trustees **Agreed that the accounts be accepted and approved.** CMJ thanked GB for her work as Treasurer and the extra work involved since becoming a CIO.

5. Chair's Report

- CMJ thanked trustees, volunteers and Parish Council for their support and work throughout the year. She particularly thanked Mike Wheeler for supplying the draught beer for events for the past 10 years. She reported that trustees had held regular meetings relating to the provision of a new hall leading to the preplanning process, and a planning application which has since received approval. SP and KH had been appointed as trustees so there had been a full complement. Community use of the Hall continued to be good, and the CIO held regular events such as Quiz Night which had been well attended. One-off events such as the Platinum Jubilee Picnic Party and Flower Show brought in more members of the community, as did the revival of the Bingo Night. Attempts to broaden the demographic of users had mixed success. The Coffee Mornings were poorly attended and so was stopped, but the Cushion Club and Pub Night continue. The Hall was opened for the screening of the Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II and will be so for the Coronation in 2023. Trustees continue to support the Community Fridge to prevent food going to landfill. Trustees look forward to involving the community in all fundraising efforts to provide a New Village Hall.

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- Charity Commission Annual Report: Trustees had received and approved the completed Annual Report for the Charity Commission. (See Attached)

6. Appointment of Trustees

GL, CD, VH and DK are coming to the end of their two year term as initial trustees. DK has indicated that he does not wish to be re-appointed, although he is very keen to remain involved in an advisory and/or volunteer capacity. GL, CD and VH all agreed to be re-appointed for a term of three years so were duly appointed. DK's resignation left a vacancy for a trustee. Ian Critchley expressed a wish to be appointed. **HM proposed, GB seconded that he be appointed as a trustee for the term of three years and this was agreed unanimously.**

7. Any Other Business

- Anthea Unsworth had sent her thanks to trustees for their work throughout the year
- David Barnhill added his thanks and added how much he appreciated the hours that trustees spent behind the scenes. CMJ in turn thanked him for his contribution to the successful Quiz Nights.
- Jon Boyce asked the extent of the fundraising needed for the new Hall and was told it is in the region of £500K.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.