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Minutes of the Asby Village Hall Annual General Meeting Held on the 26th March 2025 in Asby Village Hall

Present: Jane Close, Elizabeth Parkin, Geoff Johnson, Kay Dorset, Steve Alderson, Graham Parkin, Gina Aston, Karen Royle, Andy Dorset

No members of the public attended.

Item 1. Apologies. Karen Royle apologised in advance that she might be slightly late.

Item 2. Minutes of the AGM held on 11th April 2024. The previous AGM minutes, dated 25th April 2024, were agreed as a true record.

Item 3. Matters Arising. There were several matters arising from the previous meeting as follows:

- Since the Baptist Chapel representative had been absent from all meetings for a year and the Chapel has not used the hall in that time, it was decided that representation would be withdrawn. The Secretary informed the Baptist Chapel representative of this decision with an offer to reinstate representation at any time in the future should this be requested.
- It was agreed in the last meeting that Table Tennis would be offered the £2/person/session fee (as with keep fit) rather than the hourly rate. The Treasurer informed Reg Dorset of this decision which has been working well for him throughout the last year.
- It was agreed that the Tree Group would be invited to nominate a representative. The Secretary reported that she had extended this offer only recently and that the Tree Group was considering the offer.

Item 4. Chair's Report. Jane Close thanked all members of the committee for their work over the past year. She commented that in the past year the committee was able to get on top of a lot of things and was now running smoothly. Including the cleaning frequency which is working well with no major issues reported. She concluded by thanking everyone for their support of the hall.

Item 5. Treasurers Report. Elizabeth Parkin shared the accounts for the financial year 2024/25 along with a list with more details of income by user group. The accounts have been examined by independent examiner, Mrs Sue Savage. They show a small surplus of £211. Elizabeth noted that £1500 were spent on improvements in the past year (for the new cooker, safety matting, inline water heater, and some electrical work) without needing to dip in to reserves. The income from hall hire is down slightly. Pilates is no longer hiring the hall but the Monday night exercise class has compensated for this and provides the 2nd highest income after the school. Overall the accounts are healthy with reserves of £30,951 in the bank. The Chair thanked the Treasurer for her work on the accounts and for her report.

Item 6. Village Group Reports. The Village Group Representatives were invited to give a brief report on their experience using the hall this year.

School: Graham Parkin - The school continues to be happy with the facilities and haven't raised any issues. Regarding cleaning and an observation raised that in the Jan/Feb half term period there was a lot of debris left on the floor after one of their weekly activities. This has now stopped so no need to give feedback to the school at present. Graham confirmed that school cleaner also has responsibility to clean the hall on the request of the Head so if necessary a request can be made. It was agreed that no other action is required for cleaning currently, except for a booking for e.g. a wedding reception, in which case the hall would need to be inspected and cleaned accordingly before the reception takes place.

PCC: Karen Royle - The church has used the hall a couple of times in the past year, for 'Carols around the Tree' and 'Nostalgia Night' which were both well attended and enjoyed. The hall was also booked in reserve for the Village BBQ in case of bad weather and will be again this year.

Cinema: Gina Aston - The cinema has had a successful year although numbers are still declining. The cinema team are about to start showing NT Live theatre recordings. It is hoped these evenings will boost cinema coffers. In the mean time the ticket price has been increased to £6. There have been no technical problems with village hall equipment recently. However the lack of effective heating is the biggest concern, particularly since it might be discouraging some villagers from attending in winter. On a more positive note the hot water temperature and flow to the hand basins has been resolved and is appreciated, as are the diffusers.

History Group: Graham Parkin - The history group is very happy with the hall and Graham reported that he still regularly receives positive comments on the facilities and condition of the hall.

Parish Council: Andy Dorset - The Parish Council is 'very' happy with the hall, although only 6 meetings a year with small audiences.

Other frequent users of the hall but without representation were also discussed as follows:

Table Tennis: Kay Dorset reported that this group is going well and Reg is much happier with the new £2/person fee, which is easier for him to manage and avoids the need for him to occasionally subsidise the payment himself. Membership is growing with 5 or 6 people most weeks now. Reg is also providing Table Tennis lessons to the School currently.

Keep Fit: Elizabeth Parkin reported that the village hall laptop continues to be a concern with some damage to the screen display and other occasional problems. The projector control on the wall is also temperamental but the remote control is available as a back up if needed. Geoff Johnson commented that this might be that the sensor by the projector is out of position.

Tree Group: Used the hall for dominoes night and unfortunately did not clean adequately afterwards (feedback given).

Post Office: This service is continuing though has moved to a Tuesday afternoon

Drop in Cafe: This has been booked in for 3 months and the first lunch was a sell out, and needed more space than just the supper room. It was noted that Diners Club won't continue in its current form and so this Drop In Cafe might continue in its place.

Item 7. Election of Managing Trustees. The Secretary confirmed that all of the current Managing Trustees had indicated that they were willing to stand again. Elizabeth Parkin gave notice that she will not stand again next year so there will be need to find a new Treasurer in good time for an orderly handover. Graham Parkin proposed that the incumbent Managing Trustees (Jane Close, Elizabeth Parkin, Geoff Johnson, Kay Dorset, and Steve Alderson) be re-elected en masse. Karen Royle seconded this and those Managing Trustees were duly re-elected.

Item 8. Appointment of Village Group Representatives. The Secretary confirmed the current Village Group Representatives. She is waiting to hear from the Tree Group if they would like to nominate a representative and if so this can happen at any time on a rolling basis. The re-appointment of the existing Village Group Representatives was duly confirmed.

Item 9. Appointment of Independent Examiner. The treasurer reported that Mrs Sue Savage was willing to be the independent examiner of the accounts for the coming year. This was agreed.

Item 10. Any Other Business. No other business was raised.

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Village Hall Accounts 2024-25