

## **Minutes of the Asby Village Hall Annual General Meeting Held on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022 in Asby Village Hall**

**Present:** Jane Close, Elizabeth Parkin, Geoff Johnson, Steve Alderson, Graham Parkin and Dave Freak

Two member of the public, Kay Dorset (candidate for secretary) and Reg Dorset, joined the meeting and was welcomed by the chair.

**Item 1. Apologies.** Apologies received from Pam Cowey, Jamie Goddard, Karen Royle and Sheila Taylor.

**Item 2. Minutes of the previous meeting.** The previous AGM minutes, dated 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021, were agreed as a true record.

**Item 3. Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising from the previous AGM.

**Item 4. Chairman's Report.** Jane thanked all members of the committee for their hard work over the past year. Yet again, many activities had been hit by restrictions arising from the Coronavirus pandemic, resulting in fewer events than a normal year. The village hall had received some further grant money from the Government via Eden District Council.

The grants received to support the village hall were being utilised to carry out essential maintenance and refurbishments of the hall. The west gable wall had been treated in order to eliminate the damp which had been seeping through into the supper room. The hall curtains had also been replaced; the new curtains looked much better and had attracted numerous positive comments. Particular thanks were due to the Asby WI members for their hard work in obtaining material, making up and then hanging the curtains in the hall.

Further refurbishment was due to the toilets and to the kitchen/bar area. A plan for the toilets had already been agreed and works required for the kitchen/bar were being investigated. The Coronavirus grants would not cover all the costs and the committee was currently looking to obtain further grant funding ahead of these projects being started.

Finally, Jane gave specific thanks to Geoff Johnson, booking secretary, who had done sterling work in keeping us up-to-date with the frequently changing rules regarding assembly and village hall use during the pandemic. He had ensured that our rules for hiring had been maintained and reflected the best practice. She also thanks Dave Freak, outgoing secretary, for his work over the last 3 years.

**Item 5. Treasurers Report.** The accounts for the financial year 2021/22 had been approved by the auditor. Income from the hire of the hall was down again due to the various pandemic restrictions, however, this had been offset by a small grant paid by Eden District Council leading to a small surplus of income over expenditure. At the last AGM, Peter Lambert had been appointed as auditor, however, he and Jackie had moved home before the accounts were completed. Fortunately, Sue Savage had agreed to audit the accounts for FY2021/22, a copy of which is attached.

Geoff Johnson queried the expenditure on phone and broadband services which was significantly higher than the previous year. Elizabeth explained that the village hall had been provided with a 3-year subsidy for these services. This had now expired and the village hall was now being charged at the full monthly rate of £51.00.

**Item 6. Appointment of Representatives of User Groups and Elected Members.** Jane Close and Elizabeth Parkin both confirmed that they were willing to stand again for the positions of Chair and Treasurer respectively. Their appointment was proposed by Geoff Johnson and seconded by Steve Alderson; it was agreed by all present. **Action: Jane Close to be Chairman and Elizabeth Parkin to be Treasurer for the coming year.**

As Dave Freak was standing down, Kay Dorset had put her name forward to take on the role of secretary; no other nominations had been received. Elizabeth Parkin proposed and Graham Parkin seconded the appointment of Kay Dorset as village hall secretary; the proposal was agreed by all present. **Action: Kay Dorset to be Secretary for the coming year.**

Geoff Johnson and Steve Alderson both stated that they were happy to be re-elected to the committee, Geoff as bookings secretary. Their election was proposed by Dave Freak and seconded by Elizabeth Parkin; it was agreed by all present. **Action: Geoff Johnson be Bookings Secretary and Steve Alderson elected committee member for the coming year.**

The secretary confirmed that he had received no other expressions of interest from parishioners wishing to join the committee. None of the user groups had proposed new representatives and no-one had been put forward to represent other users of the village hall. It was assumed that user representatives would remain as they currently are for the coming year. The incoming secretary confirmed that she would contact user representatives to confirm this. **Action: Kay Dorset would contact representatives of village hall user groups to confirm their continuation in the role.**

**Item 7. Appointment of Auditor.** The treasurer confirmed that Mrs Savage was willing to be official auditor for the coming year. The committee agreed her appointment unanimously.

**Item 8. Any Other Business.** Mr Reg Dorset said he was interested in setting up a table-tennis club in the village hall. He had been advised that the hall had a table-tennis table, although this was in storage on a local farm. It was believed that the table, originally used by the youth club, was stored at Grange Hall. Geoff Johnson agreed to confirm the location of the table and, with assistance from Reg Dorset, confirm whether it remained fit for purpose. Subject to a suitable table being available, a 'calling notice' for members of a table tennis club would be put out on the Asby Messenger; Reg would take the lead with the club. **Action: Geoff Johnson to ascertain the location and condition of the table-tennis table, in consultation with Reg Dorset, with a view to returning it to the hall.**

**Item 9. Date of Next Meeting.** The next AGM would take place in March or April 2023; the date would be confirmed in due course.

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15<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Attachments:

Village Hall Accounts 2021-22.