

Minutes of the Asby Village Hall Annual General Meeting Held on 18th March 2021 (via Zoom)

Present: Jane Close, Elizabeth Parkin, Geoff Johnson, Pam Cowey, Jamie Goddard, Graham Parkin, Karen Royle, Dave Freak

One member of the public, Gina Aston, joined the meeting and was welcomed by the chair.

Item 1. Apologies. Apologies received from Janice Brown and Sheila Taylor.

Item 2. Minutes of the previous meeting. The previous AGM minutes, dated 2nd June 2020, were agreed as a true record.

Item 3. Matters Arising.

- a. Jamie Goddard had joined the committee to represent Asby Parish Council.
- b. An up-to-date list of committee members is now available via the village hall pages of the Asby Parish website.
- c. Mr Peter Lambert had been appointed as auditor and had approved the village hall accounts.

Item 4. Chairman's Report. The past year had been very strange given the coronavirus pandemic. Consequently, few activities had taken place since the last AGM, although the committee had been able to 'meet' via Zoom. It was hoped that the coming year would be better with the prospect of a return to more normal activities from 21st of June 2021.

Jane thanked all the members of the committee for their continued work in helping to run the hall and maintain facilities.

Item 5. Treasurers Report. The accounts for 2020/21 had been approved by the auditor. Income from normal activities had been significantly reduced at around £1,800; in addition grants had been received from the Yorkshire Dales National Park and Eden District Council to help cover costs of refurbishing the wood floors. Expenditure, excluding the aforementioned grants, had exceeded £3,600.

Significant Government grants, disbursed by Eden District Council, had been received by all community halls to cover costs for the lockdowns over the past year. These were fixed sums paid and Asby village hall received just under £17,600.

It was noted that the debtor identified in the comparison of 2019-20 and 2020-21 accounts had arisen in the previous year when the cost for defibrillator maintenance had been paid from village hall accounts; the Parish Council had reimbursed this. A copy of the accounts for 2020-21 is attached to the minutes together with a comparison to the previous year.

The Treasurer would now be making her annual return to the Charity Commission; she anticipated additional information may be required as the 'lockdown' grants had significantly increased our income compared to previous years.

Item 6. Appointment of Representatives of User Groups and Elected Members.

The Chairman (Jane Close), Treasurer (Elizabeth Parkin), Bookings Secretary (Geoff Johnson), Elected Member (Steve Alderson) and Secretary (Dave Freak) all confirmed they were willing to remain in office for the coming year. The issue was raised as to whether other local people could put their names forward to take on these roles. Any person wishing to join the committee could put their name forward when the AGM calling note was circulated on the Asby Messenger; if more than one person stood for a post the appointee would be decided by a vote at the AGM. No-one else had put their names forward to fill any of these positions and historically it had proven difficult to attract new volunteers. It was agreed that next year's AGM calling notice would explicitly ask whether any members of the village community wished to apply to fill the elected member posts. Graham Parkin proposed and Pam Cowey seconded the reappointment of the elected members; this was agreed unanimously. **Actions:**

- a. The 5 elected members of the village hall committee will remain in post for the coming 12-month period (6th April 2021 to 5th April 2022).
- b. The secretary would include a call for volunteers interested in joining the committee ahead of next year's AGM.

All appointed representatives confirmed their willingness to continue. It would be up to these organisations to select different individuals to represent them if a change was to be made. All current representative members will remain on the committee. It was noted that the Friends of Asby Endowed School (AES) were not currently represented. The AES rep noted that despite being asked previously, Friends of AES had not put forward a representative for some time.

Item 7. Appointment of Auditor. The treasurer confirmed that Mr Lambert was willing to be official auditor for the coming year. The committee agreed his appointment unanimously.

Item 8. Any Other Business. There was no other business.

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19th March 2021

Attachments:

Village Hall Accounts 2020-21.
Village Hall Accounts 2020-21 Comparison with last year.