

# AGM MINUTES

Ellerton and Aughton Village Hall meeting

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.30pm

| Attendees   | Apologies  |
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| Steve Hawkes (Chair)<br>Mags Godderidge<br>Jo Pease (Treasurer)<br>Karen Barker (Secretary)<br>Sue Walker<br>Jo Horrocks<br>Sally Bowler<br>Shirley Pierce<br>Gill Carrington | Dax Godderidge<br>Lisanne<br>Elsie Tompkins<br>Nell Whittingham<br>Paul Horrokcs<br>Iain Menneer<br>Steve Pease<br>Andy Tompkins<br>Jackie Rogers<br><br>Simone Winteringham |

**1 Welcome and Apologies for absence** – as above

**2 Minutes of last AGM** – proposed by Steve Hawkes , seconded by Elsie.

Minutes of last year's AGM were approved.

### **3 Chairman's Report**

This is my 3<sup>rd</sup> AGM end of year report so am running out of words to describe the achievements of this committee!

Regrettably playgroup's still in hibernation nevertheless as facilities improve, use of the hall continues to grow with 185 bookings last year.

The hall is still used regularly for Holy Communion, Boot Camp, Yoga, Wednesday Club, Craft Club, Film Club with the odd party, concert, reflexology session and election thrown in.

Growth of the film club particularly pleasing from Hacksaw Ridge to Paddington 2.

#### **Major events:**

Not all VH sponsored but generating substantial donations include – Classic Car Show (Paul & Els), 1940s Party (Parish Council), Race Night (Mike Pay & Tony Rogers) and the Guiseley Brothers concert ( Els & Andy Tompkins & Jo & Steve Pease).

Successful Summer & Christmas Fetes (Gill Carrington & Sally Bowler)

Very successful firework display on Bonfire Night – the best yet (seedcorn donation).

#### **Wednesday Club**

Last year the future looked bleak – ERYC funding cuts leading to the end of grant in March 2018. Nevertheless Simone and Mags have secured grants that have enabled the club to continue to support the older and more vulnerable members of our community. They still have free transport and with the new kitchen, more hot meals. Grants from a Life Less Lonely, Whitwam trust etc.

It is very easy to underestimate the effort needed to run this club – 800+ hours of voluntary labour and thanks to Mags developing bids for other activities and programmes.

The village owes its thanks to everyone who supports and contributes to these activities. Its not just the volunteers on the day but the fundraisers like the Jam Tarts and the cleaners, clearer-uppers and repairers etc who are just as essential. It keeps our village a vibrant community.

### **Improvement Programme:**

Completion of snagging for the new kitchen.

Completion of cladding of outbuildings & construction of new storage area (Paul Horrocks)

PC/WREN: New windows, Gutters, soffits & lights etc and shortly hard landscaping of the drive.

New furniture, chairs, tables, AV cabinet (kindly made and donated by David (Bubwith) , Toys-games etc some funded by 1940's party and Gary Norsworthy (Boot Camp).

### **General maintenance – repainting etc.**

For me the biggest news is the start of building work on the new lobby and disabled toilet extension.

Largely funded by a grant from St Helen's Dairy facilitated by Paul & Jo Horrocks and Mags.

Architectural work has, very kindly been done free of charge by Simon Carrington. Details still being finalised but hope to incorporate a hearing loop and other disabled friendly features. Also to undertake further works on the flat roof section of the hall – which will be a significant call on our apparently healthy bank balance.

Planning permission has been granted and we hope to complete the work by Autumn.

By the end of the year we will have largely delivered on the basic maintenance and updating commitments contained in the lease from the Church. This does not however mean that the years of fundraising and, it seems like almost continuous presence of workman at the hall are over. Our remaining commitments are to investigate reducing the damp and improving the insulation of the building which will require considerable work and a great deal more cash. We can be very proud of what we have achieved.

### **Committee matters:**

A number of long serving committee members have resigned during the year.

Closure of the Methodist Chapel has led to the resignation of Ken Tattersall and Mary Parvin as representatives.

Juli Hogg resigned as one of the Parish Council reps and was replaced by Tony Rogers.

Angela Wake resigned as a church rep and Paul Horrocks resigned also as a PC rep.

Some of these members have been active for decades – I suspect since the village hall was founded in the 70's. Others more recent but all have made a very real and major contribution to where we are today.

I would also like to say a special thank you to Paul who, as I've already described has been and continues to be at the centre of so many projects – the Classic car show, the external cladding and the lobby project to name but a few.

Particular thanks also to Mags, Karen and Jo who have worked tirelessly as VC, Sec and Treasurer. Jo is stepping down as Treasurer to spend more time on her golf commitments. Over the past few years she has done much to keep our finances (and the rest of the committee) under control as well as, along the way, saving us a small fortune on energy, insurance etc.

Biggest thanks though to everyone, committee members and non - committee members alike who contribute so much to making the village hall and the village what it is.

## 4 Treasurers Report

As our financial year doesn't finish until the end of this week I don't have final figures to give yet. However, having been in the same situation last year, I can report the final profit for 2016-17 was £5,482.59. This left us with a total of £20,659.86 between the current account, savings account, and petty cash.

As of today, our accounts don't look quite as healthy, showing a small loss of £1,095.57, however this is because we have spent more. A phenomenal amount of work has been going on in the hall. The funds we have been raising so well over the past years are now being put to good use. We have spent just over £7,000 on renovation and upkeep cost from our own budget. This was put with a grant of just under £30,000 from WREN. With these funds we have installed new fascia boards, guttering and drainpipes, new hardwood windows, external lighting, and the final bit to be done is the driveway tarmacking, which will be done in the next couple of weeks.

We have also spent up the Big Lottery grant we received in 2016. This paid for the cladding on the portacabin, the container, and the storage facility in between. A huge improvement.

During this year we were awarded a grant of £35,000 from the local company who produce St Helen's goat cheese. As you may have noticed, we have already started to spend this – digging out foundations for an extension to provide a new entrance hall and access to a new disabled toilet facility. Many thanks to St Helens, we couldn't have done it without you.

Craft Club and Wednesday Club go from strength to strength with Craft Club receiving a Comic Relief grant to enable them to continue quality sessions, and Wednesday Club getting their Council Grant and a couple of other grants.

Huge thanks must go to Madge Godderidge, who must spend most of her spare time filling in grant applications!

We had successful summer and Christmas fairs, and our best bonfire night yet, all bringing funds into the hall. Film nights still are going down well once a month – thanks to all who donate to keep these going. The organisers of the car show, Paul Horrocks and Els Tompkins donated a large profit to us after a hugely successful event – Sunday 3rd June this year. Andy Tompkins and Steve Pease also donated the profits from the Guiseley Brothers night. The race night at the beginning of the financial year was also a great success – don't forget there is another one on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

In my final report as Treasurer I have to thank everyone who has been involved in organising and running events, all those involved in work on the hall and everyday maintenance, all those who have helped with obtaining grants, the committee, and, in particular, all those who have supported the hall and given generous donations.

## **5 Representative members of committee:**

Parish Council – Tony Rogers  
Church – Nell Whittingham and Jackie Rogers  
Wednesday Club – Simone Wintringham and Shirley Pierce

## **6 Election of Officers and other elected members of committee**

Chair – Mags Godderidge (proposed by Els, seconded by Steve Hawkes and carried)  
Vice-Chair – Paul Horrocks (proposed by Els, seconded by Sally Bowler and carried)  
Treasurer – Sally Bowler (proposed by Simone, seconded by Jo Pease and carried)  
Secretary – Karen Barker (proposed by Simone, seconded by Sally Bowler and carried)

This leaves 4 vacancies and some nominations were received by email : Two elected members need to reside in Aughton, these are:

Elsie Tompkins (proposed by Steve Pease, seconded by Sally Bowler and carried)  
Sue Walker (proposed by Elsie (email), seconded by Steve Pease and carried)

Other elected members – nominations:

Gill Carrington, Jo Horrocks, Dax Godderidge, Steve Hawkes, Jo Pease, Jo Kay, Steve Pease.

As there were 2 elective places available it was decided to hold a ballot. Steve Pease declared he no longer wanted to be considered and Jo Kay wasn't present at the meeting. So a ballot was taken for the 2 Ellerton reps from the remaining 5 nominees.

Results:

Ellerton representatives: Gill Carrington and Jo Horrocks.

A ballot will be taken at the next committee meeting to co-opt a further 2 members from Dax, Steve and Jo P.

## **7 AOB**

**Steve Pease:** Gave a vote of thanks to Jo Pease and Steve Hawkes for all their hard work on the committee over the years.

**Jo H:** Asked if we could have an interim committee meeting as we have a new group of people – this was decided as below.

## **8 Date of next meeting**

The next committee meeting is Tuesday 1st April 2018 at 7.30pm.

AGM will be in March 2019