

Whittington Village Hall

Management Committee

Minutes of AGM – Monday 11th April 2016

1. **Welcome by Chairman-** The Chairman welcomed all those present to The AGM
2. **Present :** G Hyde (Chairperson), Mr J Palmer (Vice Chairman) Mrs Chris Jones (Secretary) Mrs Lynne Lacey (Treasurer) Mrs A Cooper, Mr D Pattison , Mrs R Smith, Mrs J Perry, Mrs J Thorne, Mrs P Stewardson, Mr M Stewardson, Mrs D Green, Mr S Newman, Mrs S Walton.
Observer Miss A Szczerba
3. **Apologies** – Mrs H Davies.
4. **Minutes of Previous AGM.** Minutes of the previous AGM held on Monday 13th April 2015 had been circulated. Acceptance of these minutes was proposed by John Palmer and seconded by Rosemary Smith. The minutes were then signed as a true record by Mr G Hyde
5. **Matters Arising from Previous AGM** – None

- 6 - **Chairman's Report**

See attached

7. **Treasurers Report.** The Treasurer presented the audited accounts for acceptance by the Trustees. It was noted there had been an error in the analysis of the 2014 accounts, this was accepted by the Trustees. The accounts were duly signed by the Secretary.
8. **Resignation of Committee** – It is noted for the records that as required by The Conveyance all Trustees had resigned.
9. **Election of 6 Elected Trustees.**
6 Committee members were unanimously elected unopposed. These being Mr D Pattison, Mr J Palmer, Mrs R Smith, Mrs L Lacey, Mr G Hyde, and Mrs D Green
10. **User Group Nominations** – User group nominations had been received as follows
WI – Mrs J Perry, The Whittington Players (Previously HATS)- Mr S Newman, Wednesday Club – Mrs C Jones, Parish Council – Mrs S Walton, Flower Club Mrs H Davies, Bridge Club Mrs J Thorne.
11. **Any Other Business**
It was agreed a letter of thanks would be sent to Mr J Cannon who has resigned from The Committee after a lengthy period of service.

12. **Date of Next Meeting – Monday 11th April 2017**

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
2015/2016

IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME EVERYBODY TO THE WHITTINGTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, AND TO GIVE THE FIRST OF MY ANNUAL REPORTS AS CHAIRMAN.

I MUST FIRST THANK THE WHOLE COMMITTEE FOR THE SUPPORT THEY HAVE GIVEN TO ME DURING THE PAST YEAR, AND SPECIAL THANKS TO MY PREDECESSOR, DAVID PATTISON, NOT ONLY FOR ALL THAT HE ACHIEVED FOR THE VILLAGE HALL DURING HIS TIME AS CHAIRMAN, BUT ALSO FOR STAYING ON THE COMMITTEE AND CONTINUING TO BE A VALUABLE ASSET TO THE SMOOTH RUNNING OF THE VILLAGE HALL.

IT IS ALSO A YEAR TINGED WITH SADNESS AS WE HAVE LOST TWO STALWARTS OF THE COMMITTEE.

FIRSTLY, PAT HAMILTON, WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE FOR MANY YEARS AND WHO SADLY LEFT US LAST YEAR, AND SECONDLY MRS JAMISON, JAMIE AS SHE WAS ALWAYS KNOWN. JAMIE WAS A FOUNDER OF THE HALL, A CHAMPION AND SUPPORTER. EVEN WHEN SHE COULD NO LONGER ATTEND MEETINGS, SHE INSISTED ON KNOWING THE INS AND OUTS AND VOICING HER OPINIONS. HER CONTRIBUTION TO THE VILLAGE HALLS SUCCESS MUST NOT BE MINIMISED, AND SHE ALWAYS HELD THE HALL VERY DEAR TO HER HEART. SHE ALSO WILL BE MISSED BUT A SMALL TRIBUTE WILL BE PLANTED IN THE GARDEN AREA.

THIS YEAR WE HAVE WELCOMED SOME NEW MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE, IN THE SHAPE OF PAULINE AND MICHAELS STEWARDSON, AND HELEN DAVIES. BERYL TAYLOR RESIGNED AS THE FLOWER CLUB REPRESENTATIVE, BUT WE HAVE TO THANK HER FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS DURING HER PERIOD OF TENURE.

THE COMMITTEE CONTINUES TO BE ACTIVE AND PROFESSIONAL MANAGERS OF THE VILLAGE HALL, AND THE REPUTATION THAT 'OURS IS A VERY GOOD HALL' CONTINUES TO GROW.

THE NEW FOYER IS EXTREMELY WELCOMING AND IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF HOW THE COMMITTEE HAS MANAGED TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE FABRIC OF THE BUILDING AND THE OVERALL LOOK OF THE INTERIOR.

THE NEW STORAGE UNITS HAVE NOW BEEN COMPLETED AND THEY ARE SO WELL INTEGRATED THAT MANY PEOPLE DO NOT EVEN NOTICE THEY HAVE APPEARED. THE REAR WALL HAS BEEN REDECORATED AND NEW PROTECTIVE RAIL PUT IN. THIS, TO ME, GIVES A LOVELY VIBRANT SPLASH OF COLOUR TO THE HALL.

OUR HALL USERS NUMBERS ARE STILL AT AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL, BUT NEW USERS ARE ALWAYS WANTED. WE ARE INDEBTED TO DEBI FOR THE HARD WORK SHE UNDERTAKES IN CARRYING OUT HER BOOKING SECRETARIES ROLE AND TRYING TO FIND NEW USERS.

OUR FINANCES ARE UNDER THE STRICT CONTROL OF THE COMMITTEE, AND ARE EXTREMELY WELL MANAGED BY OUR TREASURER, LYNNE. THE AIM OF LIVING WITHIN OUR REGULAR BOOKING INCOME IS COMING TO FRUITION, IN NO SHORT MEASURE DUE TO LYNNE'S MONITORING AND MAINTAINING THE ACCOUNTS, THE INVOICES, THE PAYMENT PROCEDURES ETC., TO AN EXCELLENT STANDARD. I KNOW SHE IS ABLY ASSISTED BY DAVID TAYLOR AND OUR THANKS GO TO HIM AS WELL.

THE FABRIC OF THE HALL IS IN VERY GOOD CONDITION, AS IS THE STANDARD OF CLEANLINESS AND TIDINESS. I HAVE TO THANK JOHN PALMER FOR HIS STERLING EFFORTS AS VICE CHAIRMAN IN MAINTAINING THE HALL, DEALING WITH ALL THE DAY TO DAY PROBLEMS AND ORGANISING THE WORK UNDERTAKEN. I ALSO WISH TO MENTION OUR EXCELLENT CLEANING CONTRACTOR JUDITH BERRY FOR HER UNSTINTING EFFORTS IN KEEPING THE HALL UP TO 'SCRATCH'

WE ARE CURRENTLY UNDERTAKING A ROLLING PROGRAMME OF MAINTENANCE AND THIS HAS BEEN SET UP AND MONITORED BY THE TREASURER AND SECRETARY. I HAVE TO PAY A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR SECRETARY CHRIS JONES, WHO KEEPS THE MINUTES, AGENDAS AND ALL PAPERWORK UP TO THE MARK, AND ALSO FOR ASSISTING, WITH ROSEMARY, IN RAISING FUNDS FOR THE HALL PROJECTS. WELL DONE TO CHRIS FOR THE PAPERWORK AND ROSEMARY FOR KEEPING ON TRYING TO RAISE FUNDS IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES.

ALTHOUGH I HAVE MENTIONED SOME COMMITTEE MEMBERS BY NAME, EVERYONE ON THE COMMITTEE HAS PLAYED THEIR PART. I AM INDEBTED TO JOHN CANNON, ANN COOPER, JACKIE PERRY, STEVE NEWMAN, DAVID PATTISON, HELEN DAVIES, JUNE THORNE AND PAULINE AND MICHAEL STEWARDSON FOR THEIR ACTIVE SUPPORT.

THE FUTURE.

WELL, WE ARE ALMOST IN THE POSITION TO PURCHASE THE ROUND TABLES WE WANTED AND WHICH WE HAVE FUND RAISED FOR.

WE HAVE ALTERED THE DOOR TO THE MAURICE FISHER LOUNGE TO ALLOW THE SMALL TABLES TO BE STORED MORE EASILY AND WE ARE LOOKING TO REFURBISHING/REDECORATING THE LOUNGE.

A KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT IS IN MIND BUT STILL SOME WAY OFF, AS IS THE PROJECT TO REPLACE THE CHAIRS IN THE MAIN HALL. THESE ARE HOWEVER ON OUR WISH LIST AND SHOWS THE DEDICATION THE COMMITTEE HAS TO MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING THE HALL AND ITS FACILITIES.

THE COMMITTEE HAS RECENTLY EMBARKED ON LOOKING TO ACHIEVING THE HALLMARK STATUS THREE, THE CURRENT HIGHEST APPROVAL A VILLAGE HALL CAN HAVE.

THERE ARE A FEW AREAS WHICH NEED TO BE ADDRESSED BUT THE VILLAGE HALL IS ALREADY A WELL MAINTAINED, EFFICIENT AND PROFESSIONALLY RUN ESTABLISHMENT WITH HALLMARK ONE AND TWO STATUS.

WE HAVE BEEN CALLED 'THE HUB' OF THE VILLAGE AND AS SUCH THE COMMITTEE IS CONSIDERING MORE OPEN EVENTS, COFFEE MORNINGS ETC., TO PUBLICISE WHAT WE DO, BUT ALSO TO BRING THE COMMUNITY CLOSER TOGETHER.

AS MY FIRST YEAR DRAWS TO A CLOSE, MY FINAL THOUGHTS ARE THAT, BECAUSE OF ALL THAT WE HAVE MANAGED TO ACHIEVE, THE VILLAGE HALL IS BETTER PLACED NOW THAN IT WAS TWELVE MONTHS AGO.

THIS IS ENTIRELY DUE TO THE DEDICATION, EFFORT AND GOOD WILL OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND I THANK THEM ALL, MOST SINCERELY, FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

Garry Hyde

CHAIRMAN