

# **Beckley Village Hall Management Committee**

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27th March 2019**

### 1 Present:

Trustees & Friends: Geoff Mills (Chair), John Walsh (Treasurer), Bob Bixby (Secretary), Liz Bixby, Ann Henman, David Scott plus 9 members of the public

### 2 Apologies: John Stradling (trustee)

### 3 Chair's Annual Report

The Chair read out his report, which explained that the Village Hall Management Committee was now a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The report covered the legal structure of the CIO, the committee structure, the CIO objectives and modus operandi. It included a report from the booking secretary, a list of activities that were being accommodated in the hall, the collaborative work with other village groups and the 150 club report. He expressed thanks to the PC, our landlord, for its support and pointed out that the hall has won an award from the Oxford Preservation Trust.

( a copy of the report is attached)

It was pointed out that the Seniors Circuits had been missed off the list of activities.

The Booking Secretary's Report was encouraging and it was noted that the high current level of use had been achieved without any significant marketing effort.

### 4 Treasurer's Financial Report

The Treasurer tabled accounts which covered the period from the last years of the old hall to the most recent year when the new hall had been in existence.

He pointed out that the CIO was required to meet stringent accounting rules and the costs for doing that were significant.

The hall was currently operating at a healthy annual surplus of £5000 with £18136 in the account including £8494 in the 150 club a/c, £600 in the 'kickwall' a/c and £6850 held as a deposit from future hirers. However the management committee were conscious that the running costs were only now becoming clear and future maintenance costs could be significant. The committee were now requiring deposits from users after some damage had been caused by thoughtless hirers.

The committee would be looking again at the pricing policy.

It was noted, with general approval, that the 'kickwall' money was to be allocated to the upgrade of the tennis court.

Although the 150 club income had fallen over recent years its contribution to the funding of the hall was still greatly appreciated.

## 5 Retirement and Appointment (re-appointment of Trustees)

The rules of the CIO require all trustees to offer to resign.

There was one new nomination Mantina Lopez Portillo, who was unanimously voted as a trustee.

All current trustees, G Mills, John Walsh, Bob Bixby, Ann Henman, John Stradling, Liz Bixby, David Scott, Peter Gosney were willing to stand again and were unanimously approved.

## 9 Appointment of an independent examiner or auditor for the forthcoming year.

JW suggested reappointing the current auditors but the committee were given the flexibility to change if a more cost effective alternative could be found.

## AOB

### 150 Club

Ted Cloke had asked for views about whether the club should continue given the reduced income from it and the healthy state of the VH finances. There was a general reluctance to see the club fold but see discussion below about church funding.

### Church Funding

David Scott spoke about the parlous state of the church funds and the recent appeal to the village for support and explained that he had previously asked the VH committee to consider allocating part of any annual surplus to the appeal.

There was a wide ranging discussion including

- the question as to whether it was within the remit of the CIO to make such donations
- some people objected to the principle of diverting funds raised for the VH to the church
- the VHC already make the hall available to the church for meetings etc free of charge
- could some fund raising activities, eg the RSPB lunches, be specifically run to benefit the church?
- would the 150 club be better supported if it was aimed at raising funds for the church?
- if VH funds were to be allocated to the church it should be targeted at the maintenance of the fabric of the church only.

It was recognised that the VH AGM was not the place to come to any conclusion but the VHC would take all these points forward and discuss with all relevant parties before making any proposals.

NB for trustee information - The next meeting of the BVHMC will be on 17th April 2019

