

Minutes of Sharrington Village Hall A.G.M. held on 16th September 2020

(postponed from 19 May 2020 due to covid 19).

Outgoing committee: David Allison (DA) (Co-opted member), Robin Hyslop (RH), Roger Dubbins (RD) (Chairperson), Bobbie Coe (BC)(Treasurer), Chris Abrams (CA), Ann Abrams(AA), David Webb (DW) (Co-opted member), Gary Bishop (GB) (Co-opted member).

Alex Stewart (AS) had resigned as a committee member in August 2019 due to pressure of work.

Attendees: Claire Dubbins (CD), Martyn Sloman (MS), Annie Douglas (AD).

Apologies: Gary Bishop (GB), David Allison (DA), Pippa Long, Keith Parks, Bob & Phillipa Mcquade.

1. **Minutes of the 2019 AGM** were unanimously approved.

2. **Matters Arising**

2.1 The piano was disposed of without incurring expense thanks to DA & BC.

2.2 No further progress had been made on the installation of a defibrillator. It was pointed out by CD that Gunthorpe is getting one. RD will include the issue on the committee agenda for the next meeting but voiced his concerns for obtaining volunteers to maintain and support the apparatus.

2.3 Investigations into refurbishing the old bar were pursued but it was decided to make the kitchen area more usable as a bar area. To that end thanks were given to RH for demolishing a small wall under the kitchen counter and GB for putting in made to measure shelves for storage of glasses. GB would shortly be putting a lockable enclosure under the second kitchen counter for alcohol storage.

2.4 After investigation by DA, East Coast Roofing were employed to replace guttering at the front of the hall and repair felt where there was a ceiling leak. They also discovered and rectified a blockage in the right hand down pipe.

2.5 The garage roller door had been repaired after much investigation by DA and GB has refurbished the side door.

2.6 It was likely that the outstanding cladding inside the hall would be completed in-house.

2.7 Thanks to DA the urinal automatic flushing system has been replaced in the gent's toilet.

2.8 The committee has not taken forward any work on insulating the ceiling. AS was going to investigate funding but resigned before able to undertake any work on this issue.

2.9 New wine and water glasses had been purchased for use by hirers.

2.10 Now the leak has been repaired in the kitchen ceiling, and once the ongoing work in that area has been completed the committee plans to continue with redecoration. To be undertaken in house.

3. Trustees report

The Trustees report for 2019 was delivered by RD (see attached). MS and AD wished to thank the committee for their hard work.

4. Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2019 (see attached).

RD explained that in 2020, due to the coronavirus, it was unlikely that there would be any additional income from our major revenue generators - music nights, concerts, the Christmas Fayre and the Christmas raffle. It is thought too onerous to put on any of these events in the foreseeable future and the Fayre has definitely been cancelled this year. The hall did, however, receive a government grant of £10,000 as the hall pays business rates. This sum will significantly help ease the financial pressure from the lack of revenue this year.

MS proposed that the accounts be accepted and they were accepted by unanimous vote.

5. Impact of Covid 19.

RD delivered a report on the impact of Covid 19 on the hall (see attached).

He pointed out that the committee is trying to have work carried out on the premises whilst they are not being used. Electrical work has been undertaken by Kings and Barnhams as per the recommendations in their testing report carried out earlier in the year and the

guttering at the front has been replaced.

The committee is attempting to spread bookings with 72 hour gaps based on current medical guidance which suggests the virus does not survive on surfaces for that length of time. Hirers otherwise would have to do deep cleaning as per government guidelines.

RD thanked members of the committee for buying the bar stock and helping to minimise the loss arising from its disposal.

MS gave his thanks for all our community support and for opening the facilities. As with the church we are all continuing to survive short term but it's financially difficult for all of us. RD agreed the the hall should be able to survive in the short to medium term unless there is a major urgent building requirement which needed funding.

MS would like recorded his thanks to CA for his upkeep of the village website and his speedy updating of church events.

6. Refurbishment projects.

Nothing requiring major expenditure is currently planned but the committee would discuss the issue at its next meeting. RD highlighted the following:-

6. 1. The ongoing work in the kitchen and its decoration was being undertaken in house, and should be completed in the next 6 months.

6. 2. The committee was looking at cladding in the gent's toilet to help with heat retention.

6. 3. The next projects planned were the decoration of the ladies toilet and the back room for visiting musicians.

7. Retirement and election of committee

Co-opted from Brinton - GB and DA, co-opted from Sharrington DW.

RD announced he planned to retire from the committee at the next AGM or at the end of May 2021(if that came sooner) but he proposed to hand over the chairmanship in December 2020 so the new incumbent has a period to acclimatise. RD stated his willingness to assist the committee with areas within his expertise. He felt we needed some innovation in the future.

All members of the committee were re-elected. There were no nominations from the Parish Council, the PCC or the Sharrington Society.

8. **A.O.B.** none

Thanks were given to the committee by MS and AD.

BC gave a vote of thanks to RD for undertaking an excellent job as chairman.