

## HERSTMONCEUX VILLAGE HALL

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at 7.30 p.m. on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014

1. **Present:** Mary McBurney (in the Chair), Ian Stewart (Hon. Treasurer), Liz Maddock (Vice-Chair and Secretary), Karen Hathaway, Jo Angear, Chris Thompson, Bryan Naish, Rhys Clatworthy

Members of the public/users of the hall: Gerald McBurney, Cassie Harris, R. Twort

**Apologies:** Joyce Burt, Karena Mayhew, Kettill Game, Ann Brooks, Janet McInnes

2. **Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013** were agreed as a correct record of that meeting

3. **Matters Arising:** there were none

4. **Treasurer's Report:** copies of the unaudited accounts were circulated.

5. **Caretaker's Report:** (to be added)

6. **Chairman's Report:** The hall is now 14 years old and continues to be the envy of many surrounding villages. There is an average of 74 organisations/events using the hall with an estimated 1550 people enjoying the user organisations – this means a footfall of 15,000 during the year - a wonderful indication of the value of the hall to the community. It also means, that coupled with its age, there has to be a regular rolling maintenance schedule to ensure the hall remains at its expected high standard. During the year the central heating system was replaced using the hall's own finance which had been generously boosted by several donations from groups using the hall. We are very grateful for their support. There is a current problem with the sewage pumps, one of the two has failed and may need to be replaced. There is an action in the Small Claims Court regarding the non-payment of booking fee. Full payment in advance is now required for some events. The building of the new GP surgery has not posed problems to users of the hall and we anticipate a reciprocal arrangement for out of hours car parking spaces. Plans for the future include investigating solar panels.

Thanks were given to Liz Maddock for her efficient work as Hon. Secretary and Vice-Chair. Liz has created a maintenance schedule for the hall which will be invaluable for the future. MC recorded thanks to Rhys Clatworthy not just for the paid work he does for the hall but for the many unpaid hours he donates.

Tribute was paid to June Exworth who has worked tirelessly for the village hall from its inception. (Sadly since the AGM June has died) She will be sorely missed.

MC thanked all members of the management committee for their hard work and support. It is right to remember that they are all volunteers and give their time and expertise freely.

7. **Election of new management committee:**

Liz Maddock tendered her resignation due to increased work commitments

Dave Pilling had resigned during the year due to increased commitments

June Exworth tendered her resignation due to health issues

In the absence of any new nominations the remaining committee members were re-, elected en bloc:

Mary McBurney            community

Ian Stewart                community

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| Karena Mayhew  | Gardeners Club and WI |
| Jo Angear      | Parish Council        |
| Bryan Naish    | Charity Bingo         |
| Karen Hathaway | Pre-School            |
| Chris Thompson | HATS                  |

Mary McBurney was re-elected Chairman. No nominations were forthcoming for the role of Secretary. In the absence of anyone to take Minutes of the meeting, Mary McBurney agreed to Minute this meeting.

**8. Minutes of the management committee meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014** – were agreed as a correct record

**9. Matters Arising** – there were none

**10. Any Other Business**

a) Fundraising:

Mr Twort (Ray & Sheldon Club) asked if the committee had considered restarting the 100 Club. IS explained that the original 100 Club had been ceased when the local Cricket Club started to fundraise for their pavilion. They have continued to run the club. It was agreed that it would conflict with the Cricket Club if the Village Hall were to run a 100 Club too.

It was agreed that a Grand Raffle would be held at Easter. £100 will be the top prize from village hall funds, IS to secure the license, MM and JA to seek prizes to include a hamper with donations from committee and hall users.

IS to organise another Quiz night in October.

b) Liz Maddock proposed a vote of thanks to MM for her chairmanship over the past year.

MM thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.