

**HERSTMONCEUX VILLAGE HALL  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2021 VIA ZOOM**

**PRESENT**

Chris Thompson (Chairman) Sheila Charlton (Hon. Secretary) Ian Stewart (Hon. Treasurer) Jo Angear Karena Mayhew Liz Ford Nick Porter Sue Wicks

**APOLOGIES** - Joyce Burt Bryan Naish and Lisa Taplin

**MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM HELD ON 10TH FEBRUARY 2020**

The minutes having been circulated were accepted as a true record of that meeting and signed by the Chairman

**MATTERS ARISING** - None

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

This could be the shortest Chairman's report ever presented to a Hall AGM mainly due to the fact that very little has actually happened over the past year. Who would have guessed, when we sat down at the AGM last year what was about to be presented to us. Just after the AGM last year we had a very successful "Adele Tribute" night in partnership with HATS/ This proved to be a very positive evening with some really good feedback from people. This, together with the fact that each group banked just on a £1000, meant it is a venture we may well look at again. If we had known then what we know now we may well have partied just that little bit harder.

From then on really it has been a very different tale. Most clubs were shut down from March and the Hall fell silent apart from the Pre-School Group which has carried on almost all the way through the last year. Although they are a Hall user like anyone else I think they deserve a special mention for all the hard work and effort that has gone into keeping it running during these difficult times. They are a huge support to the Hall.

The rest of the clubs all had trials to try and get back to normal for a while. HATS, Dance Mavericks and others all had a few meetings but to no avail really as before Christmas most had decided it was not possible to continue. So here we are really an empty hall with only the Pre-School using our facilities. We did try very hard to become a Vaccine Centre but despite the hard work and effort of a few of us, they apparently had better offers elsewhere, although it did seem to go slightly quieter when Ian mentioned they might have to pay to have it!

Finally, my thanks go to a few people who have kept this hall running and safe over the past year. Firstly, to Lisa our cleaner for keeping it clean, tidy, fresh and completely deep cleaned at all times.

Next my thanks go to Sheila for all the work and effort she has put in over the last year to keep the Hall turning over and supporting Ian.

Lastly, I am really not sure where we would be now, if for the last couple of years, we as a hall did not have Ian. The time and effort he has put into the Hall is enormous. £Even when the hall has been shut, he has been down checked everything on a very regular basis. He has always kept me in the loop as to what is going on, he has popped, in to sort emails, phone calls and in some places deal with some tricky situations. Than you Ian.

So I finish my report by saying a huge “Thank you” to the Hall Committee and officers for their support. It may have been quite but we know you are there and where to find you.

I think we can safely say that despite the lockdown the Hall is still in a very good state and an asset to the community. May we see brighter times ahead!

Nic Porter took the opportunity to thank the members of the Management Committee for allowing the Pre-School to continue through all the lockdowns which has been appreciated by him and his staff.

## **HON TREASURER’S REPORT**

The treasurer had circulated income and expenditure accounts to members

<b>2020 Income</b>	£29439.40	<b>Expenditure</b>	£21538.92	<b>Surplus</b>	£7900,48
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We have survived well so far and ended up £7900.48 better off than the start of the year. The reality is that, if not for the Government Hospitality and Leisure Grant and the Parish Council forgoing the rent on Hall we would have been at least £3749.62 down on the year.

We have a further grant in place for £3000 from Weald3en District Council due in April 2021 and it may well be that there will be a new Hospitality and Leisure business grant offered as a result of latest lockdown, The next few months may be loss making as little income and high energy bills.

As yet no news from the NHS about the use of the hall for Covid jobs. The radio recently stated that they were concentrating on Hastings and Rother areas so we will have to wait and see what happens.

## **NOMINATIONS TO BE MEMBERS OF THE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The chairman had received a letter from Joyce Burt informing him that she wished to stand down. The chairman would phone Joyce and Sheila would write a letter to her.

**Chairman** – Chris Thompson Proposed by Ian Stewart and seconded by Nick Porter

It was decided by the Chairman that the following nominations be voted en bloc thus the following were proposed by Chris Thompson and seconded by Nick Porter:

Hon. Treasurer – Ian Stewart

Hon. Secretary –Sheila Charlton

User Organisation Representatives Karena Mayhew (WI) Nick Porter (Pre School) Liz Ford (Tiddlers & Toddlers) Bryan Naish (Charity Bingo) Sue Wicks (Extend) and Lisa Taplin (Dance Mavericks)  
Parish Council Representative Jo Angear

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The chairman joined the committee when they expressed their thanks to Ian for all that he had done during the last twelve months in keeping the hall functional.

The meeting closed at 8.06 pm