

LEONARD STANLEY VILLAGE HALL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES of Village Hall Management Committee meeting held on Tuesday 28th June 2022 from 7.30pm.

Apologies: Julie Cull, Chris Connett, Emma Taylor, Adrian Roberts, T John Webb, T Jan Bogdiukiewicz.
T = Trustee Tr = Treasurer S = Secretary

Present: C Phil Herbert, Tr Bobbie Ireland, Roy Wilkes, Richard Hubble, Ali Harrison, Sarah Wright, Pat Hearne, T David Pearson, Chris Phillips, Penny Scott, S Jane Roberts.

Chairman's Report:

A minute's silence was held to pay respect to Robert Hutchings (Kingston House) who died last week aged 86. He supervised conversion of this building from the village school into our hall; he spent many hours physically labouring here. He & his wife also raised many thousands for charities opening their garden & selling plants.

2021 saw the gradual reopening of the hall following lengthy closures caused by covid; most of our regular users returned. The Social Club also reopened and a new annual licence was negotiated, agreed & signed. This licence expires on the 31st October 2022 and will need to be agreed & signed by then.

June 2021 the roof & ridge tiles suffered some serious storm damage; the bell tower was also reported to be in a dangerous condition. Due to the cost of repairing the latter it was decided to remove it to make it safe – and to start a roof repair fund as it then became clear that the roof would need to be completely re-laid within 5 years.

Due to illness I have been unable to attend recent committee meetings but thank all of our officers & trustees for keeping things going, particularly our Treasurer, Manager & Secretary who all made sure that the hall continues to run smoothly.

On the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend we ran a very successful quiz night, organised by Richard Hubble, which raised c. £1,000 towards the roof repair fund.

It is very concerning that gas & electricity costs have risen massively, the gas price was fixed until 2025 though, and the hall has a fairly healthy bank balance.

In closing, I am pleased to announce that our Treasurer Bobbie Ireland and Richard Hubble have volunteered and are hereby appointed as Trustees of the Village Hall.

Secretary's Report: Was read out. Copies will be emailed out with these Minutes and a copy appended to the Minute Book.

Treasurer's Report: Was read out. Copies were handed around to those present & will be emailed out with these Minutes & a copy appended to the Minute Book.

Manager's report: already emailed to all and a copy appended to the Minute Book.

Election of Officers:

Chairman: David Pearson proposed Richard Hubble, seconded by Phil Herbert et al, and elected unanimously. Richard then took the Chair.

The Secretary and Treasurer are willing to continue. There were no other nominations so they were elected unopposed.

RH proposed a vote of thanks to Phil Herbert for stepping in last year and saving the hall, which was applauded - and to David Pearson for chairing recent meetings. RH would wish to call on PH's expertise. RH also thanked S & T for continuing their roles. There was also much applause for Penny in thanks for all her hard work since she took over as Manager just before covid kicked off!

The Secretary added that special thanks are also due to David and Jan Hunt who came in as Chairman & Secretary as they had both done so much to put the hall onto a more secure footing into the future. Sadly, they had stepped down last year due to Mr Hunt's ill health.

Minutes of the April Meeting (also available at this AGM) were circulated previously by email to all concerned and were signed by the chairman elect RH.

Social Club Report:

Sarah Wright reported that SC had reopened 12 months ago. They rely totally on volunteers to run the bar etc so have restricted opening hours. They just about break even but still pay the monthly rent to the VH. Members can play darts, skittles & pool. They have about 100 members but would like more. Responding to a query, SW advised that they don't get much response from Facebook. The VH is rather successful with FB so it was agreed to work more closely on this by retweeting/following etc.

VH Roof Fundraising:

RH advised that so far we have £3,100. The target is £30k so we are 10% there. He hoped that the roof would not cost that much, possibly iro £25k, but still a long way to go. This year's target would be £15k and we should start looking for matched funding sources.

RH advised that the next events would be on Sunday 28th August, with a Yard/Garage Sale to cover as wide an area as possible, with a Table Sale and Teas in the VH where maps could be purchased. This was to coincide with the Saxon Barn event.

A FR meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 26th July 7.30pm in the VH to nail down details.

MORE VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Chris Phillips said the Quiz Night was extremely successful and hoped for more soon. Quizzes were always well attended in the past. RH would be happy to have several during the next year or so, perhaps quarterly, but would want to vary offerings. Pat Hearne suggested that next time a Ploughman's or Hot Dogs supper might be offered which could raise more funds.

Previous well liked events that might be repeated: Tramps Supper (a dress down event...?) & Bonfire Party. PH mentioned a year-long raffle for the Church had raised a lot of money.

Date of next Meeting. Probably **30 August** to receive BH WE events feedback.

The meeting closed just before 8.30pm amidst a very positive atmosphere.