

DOWN ST MARY VILLAGE HALL
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON
MONDAY, 24th APRIL, 2023

Present: Alan Clarke, Tessa Pluck, Denise Appleyard, Nigel Fidock, Audrey Cook, Anthony Martin, Roger and Viv Thomas, Tom and Frances Samson and Jude Milton

Apologies: Sylvia Sage

Minutes: The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 25th April, 2022 were shared, read and agreed.

Matters Arising: The problem of the damp is hoping to be underway in May, 2023.

Chairman's Report: It has been a challenging year with some of the Village still not confident to gather socially following the Pandemic. It has been good that the income lost with the demise of the Women's Institute has been compensated with regular income from Pilates classes.

The Committee has taken a cautious approach to holding events this year due to the uncertainty of full attendance due to the Pandemic. When events have been held, they have been well attended.

The Queen's Jubilee was a well attended outdoor event which was enjoyed by all. This event was held as a substitute for the traditional Summer Fayre. Other events were to encourage social mixing. There was a Games Evening, a delayed Christmas party due to the weather on the chosen day and a Skittle Evening.

Faulty heaters were replaced and a ramp and platform entrance are in the process of being installed. The windows are also in the process of being repaired. Work has been undertaken to try and alleviate the damp in the Hall.

I would like to thank all the Committee members for their invaluable help during the year. Also, any Villagers who also helped erect tents or assisted in other ways.

We only have a small Committee and require new members to share the load and think of new events.

Treasurer's Report: Nigel supplied an un-audited Financial Report for the Community Hall for the period 1st January, 2022 to the 31st December, 2022

The assets of the Village Hall at the end of 2022 were £37,085.69, an increase of £619.23 from the previous year.

We had 3 fund raising events in 2022, a Social Evening in March, a Skittle Evening in October and a Christmas Social in December. An income of £1,186 was achieved from fund raising at a cost of £546, giving a profit of £640.

The hire of the Hall over the year has provided a good income of £490. The regular use by the Pilates group has contributed £220 towards this total.

We received a grant of £2,667 from MDDC for which we thank them.

Our most significant expenditure was for the new heaters which cost £1,875 for their purchase and fitting. These are very efficient, generating quick direct heat. Utilities have increased by 50% to £337, with the increases in the mid and latter part of the year. For the first full year, we have paid bank charges of £65.

For the late Queen's Jubilee celebrations, we hosted a 'Bring and Share Tea' on the Green. Associated costs for this event were £113 funded from the Village Hall account. The Committee has purchased a new Urn for the kitchen and social equipment such as darts, table tennis bats and nets etc. These items amounted to just over £100.

We have a new Insurer at a cost of £523, a saving of £126 on our previous Insurers.

Tom Samson asked about the grant from MDDC and Nigel explained it was given to help Village Halls to re-establish themselves after the Pandemic.

Jude Milton asked about the insurance and Nigel informed her that we have a 3 year deal saving £126 per year. Nigel also stated that electricity has gone up dramatically for 2023 and the electricity costs 72p per hour. The metre has been adjusted accordingly.

Nigel informed the Committee that we have a Cleaner that comes in as and when required at a cost of £12.50 per hour.

Resignation of Existing Committee Members

The Committee resigned in accordance with the Governing Constitution and as there were no other nominees, the 2022 Committee agreed to stand for re-election, therefore, the existing status of the Village Hall Committee were elected on block.

Chairman:	Alan Clarke
Vice Chairman:	Audrey Cook
Secretary:	Tessa Pluck
Treasurer:	Nigel Fidock
Hall Booking:	Tessa Pluck

The existing Committee welcomed Tom Samson and Jude Milton who agreed to join the Committee.

Any Other Business: None

The Meeting closed at 8 p.m.