

Minutes of the Glooston, Stonton and Cranoe Village Hall AGM

Thursday 11th May 2017

Present: Alistair Chapman (in the Chair in lieu of Simon Anstis), Justin Trayner, Michael Summers, Karen Summers, Jane Davies, George Witt, John Neilson, Charles Stops, Leila Galloway, Hannah Currington, Jon Currington.

Apologies: Flix Millington, Carole Vaughn, Ce Ponting, Lisa Chapman, Simon Anstis, Carole Neilson.

3. Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the last AGM were read and approved. It was noted that records have been a little sketchy recently as there has been no Secretary for much of the year, Jan Frith having moved away.

4. Chair's Report

There was no Chair's Report to share in Simon's absence although Leila thought he had done one.

Simon feels unable to carry on as Chair due to family commitments. The meeting highly commended Simon in his absence for the excellent job he had done: the more informal events he instigated such as table tennis, poker nights and the donation-only Bonfire Night had generated a steady income and got people using the village hall more frequently. It was felt important that this legacy of the hall being a community resource, as well as a concern that is able to pay its way, should be continued.

5. Finance Report –Michael Summers

The Hall's finances are generally in good shape, although the donations for the defibrillator mask the fact there was about a £600 deficit in income over expenditure for the year 2016/17. There were no specific fundraising events last year.

There is a £480 surplus in the defibrillator fund and it was agreed to keep this specific, should Cranoe or Stonton Wyville decide to proceed with obtaining their own machines, or if they don't, towards maintenance of the Glooston defibrillator.

£356 had been spent on property repairs; primarily a drain.

£495 had been spent on a projector and key safe. John Neilson had kindly donated a Playstation.

John and Alistair are currently looking at upgrading the Hall's sound system.

John is to investigate what is happening with the Village Hall's Gigaclear internet contract. It is assumed that continuing the Gigaclear contract is likely to cost approximately £500 a year and it is important that the Hall promotes its high-speed Wifi so that it pays its way in terms of hall bookings.

Michael Summers suggested villagers in Glooston, Stonton and Cranoe might be informed of the total amount that was raised towards the defibrillator.

6. Election of Committee

All posts were up for re-election.

Alistair was elected Chair; proposed by John; seconded by Hannah.

John was elected Vice Chair; proposed by Alistair; seconded by Michael.

Karen was elected Treasurer; proposed by Charles; seconded by Justin.

Hannah was elected Secretary; proposed by Karen; seconded by John.

Village reps will continue unchanged: Lisa Chapman for Glooston; Sarah Boddy for Cranoe; Karen for Stonton Wyville.

7. Any Other Business

It was felt there should be some fundraising events this year in addition to the less formal ones. Various ideas were suggested including music on August BH, a Hallowe'en disco and a Buddy Holly tribute night. The meeting observed that winter events tend to be better attended than summer ones.

The levelling and tidying of the back, for which a fixed rate quote of £300 has been received, was supported and it was felt we should crack on and get it done. Jon queried whether there might be issues with disabled access, but generally people felt it would be okay.

Ben has asked if he can fence the back in and graze some sheep. Nobody had objections. He has offered to lay the hedge and move the gate also.

Michael mooted the idea of using the grassed area as a CL caravan site.

John has created a new village hall website and leaflet, which he circulated. This will be linked to the hall's Facebook page. He asked that some upcoming events go on, even if we don't end up doing them.

Bookings were discussed. Rather than this duty be assigned to one person it was agreed all four committee members' phone numbers will be listed as contacts. It is hoped it will be possible to create an online calendar that those four have access to, which syncs with the online calendar on the website.

There was some confusion over current booking rates and conditions, such as cancellation policies and whether a deposit is charged. This will be returned to in future meetings. It was generally felt important to retain a "village hall" feel and be as personable as possible.

John proposed a "silver surfers" club to teach older people how to use tablets etc, initially free of charge.

Various options for film nights were discussed.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday 21st June, Glooston Village Hall, 8pm. All welcome.