

Minutes of the Glooston, Stonton and Cranoe Village Hall AGM and Village Meeting (unapproved)

Thursday 24th May 2018

Present: Alistair Chapman (Chair), John Neilson (Vice Chair), Karen Summers (Treasurer), Hannah Currington (Secretary), Lynda and David Chard, Flix Millington, Ce Ponting, Alison Cunnington, Carole Neilson, Carol Elderton, Emma Greany, Clare Shaw

Apologies: Jon Currington, Michael Summers, Justin Traynor, Brian Kearville-White, Gail Devereux-Bachelor, Carol Vaughan, Hugh Stevenson, Bill Smedley.

1. Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the last AGM were read and approved.

2. Matters arising

Most things planned got done. The Buddy Holly night and Race Night were both well attended and raised good amounts for the hall. "Silver Surfers" is up and running and the users have made donations to cover heating etc. John Neilson was commended for his hard work on the booking system and website.

Tidying the area at the back of the hall is an outstanding issue and Ben didn't proceed with grazing his sheep there.

3. Chair's Report

A brief oral report was given.

5. Finance Report

The hall is significantly better off financially than 12 months ago due to the two fundraisers. Total profit was £1120 bringing reserves to £5405. The hall's running costs were £2834. Notably, the water bill has gone up by 250% which seems odd. It might also be worth seeing if we could get a cheaper electricity tariff as this has gone up by 18%.

6. Goadby affiliation

The existing committee would like to affiliate with Goadby as their residents often support us at events. Residents will get a 50% discount for bookings and have representation on the committee.

7. Election of Committee

Alistair was re-elected Chair; proposed by Hannah; seconded by Ce.

John was re-elected Vice Chair; proposed by Lisa; seconded by Alison.

Karen was re-elected Treasurer; proposed by Lisa; seconded by Alistair.

Hannah was re-elected Secretary; proposed by Lisa; seconded by Karen.

Village reps will continue unchanged: Lisa Chapman for Glooston; Sarah Boddy for Cranoe; Karen for Stonton Wyville. Clare Shaw is new rep for Goadby.

8 Terrace and parking at rear of hall

The background to this was explained to new residents; basically the idea is to level 10' feet flat out the back then sloping down. Alistair will chase Randalls who had provided a quote of £250. Carol Elderton would ask if Ben was still willing to move the gate.

John mooted the idea of putting hard standing for the first few feet as the ground can become soggy. This would be a much bigger (and more expensive) job. Carol spoke about something similar they had recently done and would give Alistair some contacts.

It was felt more pressing than usual to improve parking facilities, given that the current popularity of The Old Barn now makes it significantly harder to park.

The hedge and fir tree at the front were discussed, also grass-cutting. Carol Elderton would speak to Pete Hill about whether he would be willing to cut back the front hedge hard.

9 Ideas for forthcoming events

- Felt too soon to rebook Buddy Holly
- Carol proposed a barn dance post-harvest. Alistair was not sure there would be sufficient demand.
- Sunday 9 Sept – an organised walk, cycle ride and horse ride to end up back at the Village Hall for afternoon tea. Alistair to create cycle route; Alison to create walking route; Carol to create horse riding route. We need numbers in advance for catering – maybe get people to buy a ticket that will include their afternoon tea? Flag up to local walkers groups or the Ramblers Association? Do some sort of “treasure trail” for kids, suggested Emma?
- Clare suggested a Christmas craft fair and coffee morning – could ask Ashley Farm Shop which exhibitors attend theirs. Sarah Boddy makes cards.
- Joint fundraising night for Cancer Research/Village Hall – Tom Jones tribute act, pledge auction and supper – Alison and Hollie to lead – October.
- Bring and buy sale – make money by charging £5/6 a table, £2 entry, and selling refreshments. Lisa suggested early March 2019 before the outdoor car boot sales begin.
- Film nights along the lines that Church Langton put on. John to pursue.
- A repeat of the racing night, but maybe with greyhounds or something a bit different.
- Something for children, although it was noted there are only five children and a baby in the immediate vicinity.
- Alison said she could get HFM to publicise events.

10 Any Other Business

- Now that Simon has left the village it was agreed to re-employ Ken, the window cleaner again to clean on a monthly basis. He had done it in the past for £20 a month. This still leave a need for someone to check the hall before and after specific events e.g. that there is enough loo roll, bin bags, cleanliness of dishwasher. Hannah, Ce, Lisa and Clare agreed to share this on a rota, Hannah to organise.

- Banner at front of hall saying hall available for rent – mooted by John but other committee members were not keen. Alistair suggested a rigid sign under the existing noticeboard.
- Hannah checked that committee were happy for her to reorder defib pads from village hall funds when they expire in April 2019. Approved.
- A resident raised concerns about pub customers and other drivers speeding through the village, which were echoed by others present. Various solutions and plans of action were discussed. In the first instance, committee members to try to approach the pub to discuss a way forward.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 8:40pm.