

CLIFFORD CHAMBERS VILLAGE HALL AND RECREATION GROUND

Annual General Meeting

Registered Charity No. 1089041

Minutes of AGM dated 12th March 2018

Present: Sally Abell, Anne Dyde, Jacqui Dyos, Pam Elliott, Les Moseley, Lynne Moseley, Heather Taylor and John Taylor.

Apologies for absence: Digger Booth, Marion Booth, Jill Grant, Betty Reynolds, Lawrence Salmon.

Members of the public present: Shirley Acreman.

Minutes of last meeting dated 3rd April 2017

The minutes were an accurate account of the AGM meeting held on the 3rd April 2017. Accepted by Sally Abell and seconded by Heather Taylor.

Matters arising from the previous AGM

There were no matters arising.

Chairwoman's Annual Report

Use of the village hall

The village hall continues to be an important venue within the community and is used regularly, either weekly, monthly or occasionally. As a committee we are aware that we have also lost two and possibly three regular users (art group, brownies and possibly Clifford Seniors) in the past 12 months and we are mindful of this and the affect this will have on our income.

Maintenance and repairs

Various works have been undertaken during the course of the year, the most significant being the installation of solar panels. These were largely financed by monies held in trust for the hall by the church.

Work to the Recreation Ground wall, fence and play equipment remains on our 'to do' list. We were, and still are, expecting to receive some monies given to the parish as part of the condition of planning for the Rectory Farm development (106, Town & Country Planning Act).

Wild about Clifford contacted us with a view to making some areas of the Recreation Ground more wildlife friendly. After consultation with the Parish Council it was agreed that more planting would take place along the left side where there are already a lot of daffodils, some areas along the wall and at the top end. The right hand side will remain as it is. Wild about Clifford will maintain these areas.

Good news – retrospective insurance claim

We have received monies totalling £2,434.26 from the insurance company in relation to the water leak last year. Thank you to Les for dealing with the insurance company on this claim.

Hire charges

These were raised in 2017 and will be held for the next 12 months.

The current rates are:

Main hall - £10 per hour for villagers and £12 for external hirers

Small room - £8 per hour for villagers and £10 per hour for external hirers

We also introduced a minimum booking of 4 hours for parties/functions. An extra £15 is charged for the use of the cooker.

Anything we have in the village hall (crockery, cutlery, tables, chairs etc) can be borrowed for a small donation.

There are now three gazebos/marquees available for hire at £25 each. The money will be shared between the parish council and the hall.

The hall received two generous donations this year.

15 round tables and 150 chairs were donated by Clive and Anne Feltham and the Chamford Society kindly paid for a new dishwasher.

Fund-raising

The fund-raising committee continues to do sterling work and aims to organise around four events per year. In the past 12 months these have included two visits from TellTale Theatre Company, a table-top sale, Sunday teas in August and the village quiz. These events raised more than £1000 and have provided an invaluable source of income for the hall.

Thanks

I would like to say a huge thank you to the committee and in particular to Les, Jacqui, Lawrence, Lynne, Heather, John and Anne for everything they have done in the past 12 months both to maintain and improve the village hall. Also thanks to Mike Farthing who checks the defibrillator twice a month to ensure that it is working and to Steve (Duck Lane) who keeps the hedges looking immaculate. A lot of people contribute to the running of the hall and recreation ground and it is easy to take their contribution for granted.

Finally, a big thank you to Betty Reynolds, who has stood down from the committee after umpteen years. Betty has served the village in many capacities since moving here some 60 or more years ago. We wish her a very happy and well-earned retirement.

Treasurer's report

Heather reported that all bills have been paid and the accounts are up to date. The Deposit Account has a credit balance of £6,248.18 and the Current Account has a credit balance of £8665.70 (monies being held for The Clifford Players has been deducted from this total).

The hire of the hall raised £6000 this year compared to £5,758 last year. This figure includes money raised through the hire of crockery, furniture and the gazebo.

Membership of Committees

Jill Grant will continue as a Trustee and all members have been reappointed with the exception of Betty Reynolds, who is standing down as a Trustee. Les will continue to manage the village hall bookings in Lawrence's absence.

Elected, appointed and co-opted members of the committee 2018

3 Elected members, Chair, Hon Secretary, Trustees, 6 appointed members and 3 Co-opted members

Elected members

Chair	Sally Abell
Hon Secretary	Jacqui Dyos
Treasurer	Heather Taylor

Appointed members

St. Helen's Church	Sally Abell
Clifford Charities	Nick Abell (Trustee)
Parish Council	Stuart Wyles
Chamford	Pam Elliott
Seniors	Anne Dyde

Co-opted members

Jill Grant	(Trustee)
Heather Taylor	(Trustee)
John Taylor	(Trustee)
Lawrence Salmon	

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Clifford Players	Les Moseley
Dance Group	Digger & Marion Booth
Film Club	Lynne Moseley, Les Moseley & Sally Abell
Fund raising group	John Taylor

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Any other business

- Shirley Acreman offered her help as a key holder for the village hall.
- Sally will check to see if the Art Club had a key and if they did, will ask them to return it so it can be passed on to the organiser of Line Dancing. The only remaining group which hires the hall regularly and does not hold a key is the music band.
- Shirley Acreman was concerned that because the wall and fence has not been repaired in the Rec, dogs could get into her garden and attack her chickens. The quote to repair it has come in at over £3000 and we are currently waiting for the sale of the cottage alongside the Rec before continuing with the repairs.

It was suggested that we could just repair the section by the Acreman's house and they are happy to donate something towards that section of repair.

Sally thanked Shirley for attending the AGM and for her interest, and the meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Date of the next AGM meeting

Monday 11th March 2019 @ 7.30pm – **Time to be confirmed at our next meeting.**