

CLIFFORD CHAMBERS VILLAGE HALL AND RECREATION GROUND

Annual General Meeting Registered Charity No. 1089041

Minutes of AGM dated March 28, 2022 @ 6.30pm

Present: Sally Abell (chair), Toni Morris, Jackie Hall, Charmian Evans, Marian Booth, Jo Eaton Johnson

Apologies for absence: Robyn Crago, Beccy Farthing, Pam Elliott, Heather Taylor

Members of the public present: Paul Baggett, Julian Philcox and Roger Morris

The minutes of the AGM of May 24, 2021 were approved. Proposed by Sally Abell, seconded by Jackie Hall

Matters arising from the previous AGM – there were no matters arising.

Chairman's report from Sally Abell

There has been a steady increase in bookings as life returns to something like its pre-pandemic state. The hall is regularly used by Digger and Marian for their twice weekly dance classes, a weekly morris dancing group, a line dancing group. The band is also returning but the Tuesday pilates has now stopped because the hall has been deemed to be too cold. The rural cinema has started again but Chamford has not. There has been the odd party booking and occasional use from a class that were having problems with Saturday bookings at the Leisure Centre.

Toni reports that there have been quite a few bookings for the gazebos and further bookings are already being made.

A joint community initiative between St Helen's Church and the hall has seen the premises used every Friday since the end of November as a soup café. This came to an end last Friday and the plan is to start up again on November 4. The soup café has been supported by Clifford Charities who gave a grant of £350 towards the cost of ingredients, heating and the use of the kitchen. The café has been self-supporting so that £350 will remain with the village hall as a contribution towards the cost of electricity and gas.

What the soup café has highlighted is just how cold the hall is during the winter months and how inadequate the heating is. I think this is something we need to address in the coming year. I would like to think we could find a group of two or three people (not necessarily committee members) who might take on the project of how to make the hall more energy efficient. It would probably require significant funding but that would be part of the remit to find out what funding is available.

The plan to have adult gym equipment on the Rec remains in abeyance as planning permission and financial support have not been forthcoming in the way first envisaged. While the hall, as custodians of the Rec, supports this initiative we must make it clear again that we cannot help financially in the initial outlay.

During the year the children's play equipment was been inspected by Louisa Hill an RPII annual playground inspector as recommended by Stratford District Council. Jackie and Charmian attended a course with Louisa and they will now be able to identify areas that need attention. This is something that should become a regular part of the committee's brief.

On the maintenance front the boiler has had a few issues that have only been partly resolved. The fire extinguishers have been checked and several replaced.

After many years supporting the committee, Digger Booth has decided to step down as has Jacqui Dyos who has acted as secretary despite having a full time job and doing an Open University degree. We'd like to minute our thanks for their contribution to the life of the hall. Volunteers are the lifeblood of any community and we will miss them.

Treasurer's report from Heather Taylor

Figures as at 31/12/21: Deposit account – £6273.98;

Current account – £10,094.92 including £967.27 help for the jubilee celebration and £940 for grant from adult gym equipment. Net of those monies £8,189.65

Petty cash £687.68

Insurance continues to be our biggest expense at £1600 per year. Roger Morris, speaking on behalf of the parish council, said that the council was willing and able to pay the fire insurance and requested that we ask the insurance company to itemise the premium so that we could work out the fire element.

There was a suggestion, from Julian Philcox, that we investigate sharing wifi with the club when the contract comes up for renewal.

Membership of committee

Elected, appointed and co-opted members of the committee 2022

New members Beccy Farthing, Jackie Hall and Robyn Crago were welcomed onto the committee.

Sally Abell was appointed chair and Toni Morris vice chair.

Elected members

Chair	Sally Abell
Hon Secretary	Charmian Evans
Clifford Charities	Toni Morris
Treasurer	Heather Taylor
Parish Council	Jo Eaton-Johnson

Appointed members

St. Helen's Church	Sally Abell
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Co-opted members

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Marian Booth, Pam Elliott and Anne Dyde, Beccy Farthing, Robyn Crago

Correspondence

There were no correspondence.

Any other business – Julian Philcox asked whether, on the hall booking form, there could be a reminder to people hiring the hall that the speed limit in Clifford was 20mph and could they also be mindful of where and how they parked.

Date of the next AGM meeting

Monday April 3, 2023 @ 6.30pm