

LYDEARD ST. LAWRENCE VILLAGE HALL. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 18th May 2021
Venue: Village Hall (Main Hall)
Time: 19.00

APOLOGIES: Pauline Smith

PRESENT: Don Hobson, Paul Yeomans, Kate Best, Anna Broad, Michaela Greener, Liz McConnell, Jacky Madel, Clare Marshall, Jo Stewart

A minutes silence was observed to reflect on the life of Mel Horner, who had been a stalwart of the Village Hall and the Village for well over 20 years.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held via Zoom on 21st April, 2020, were agreed and signed. Proposed by Anna Broad, seconded by Liz McConnell and signed by Don Hobson.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE OF TRUSTEES FOR 2021/2022: All of those present agreed to become Trustees and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS FOR 2021/2022: Don Hobson was re-elected as Chairman. Paul Yeomans as Vice Chair. Jacky Madel as Treasurer and Jo Stewart as Secretary. Proposed by Anna Broad and seconded by Clare Marshall.

REPORTS:

Chair - We have lived through an extraordinary year. Paul Yeomans carried out a COVID 19 Risk Assessment in March 2020 and with that in place the Post Office Service was able to reopen. This was the only facility that returned to the Hall. The Hall remained closed to other users. Redecoration of the Main Hall was completed, the cleaner and gardener were retained to keep the grounds tidy and maintain the overall cleanliness of the hall.

Treasurer - Fortunately the Government put in place financial help to assist with keeping the building running whilst it was closed. Our treasurer Stephen Baines moved away from the Village in March 2020. He completed the accounts and handed them to Don Hobson who took on the role until this evening when a new Treasurer has been elected. The Parish Council has stepped up with a grant to cover our costs for hosting the Post Office, which is a vital asset for the Community. Thus we have managed to finish the year in a financially stable position.

Chairman's and Treasurer's Report attached.

Maintenance - Thank you to Paul Yeomans for overseeing the Maintenance of the Village Hall. Main expenditure for 2019/2020 was a replacement water heater in the Kitchen. Paul carried out several smaller repairs. Proposed by Michaela Greener, seconded by Paul Yeomans.

HALL HIRE CHARGES AND WAGES FOR 2020/2021: It was agreed that we would increase the rates for hiring out the hall, garages and long term parking in line with the Retail Price Index. The new rates will be effective from 1st July 2021. Calculations for these are attached. Proposed by Liz McConnell, seconded by Kate Best

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Clarification was requested regarding our accounting year which runs from 1st January. Our Annual General Meeting is usually held in April.

It is hoped to host a social event later this year during which the Committee would like to remember all the work that Mel Horner put into building the Village Hall thus providing a hub for the local community. At the same time we would wish to recognise the work of Katharine Spry and Barbara Verncombe. Barbara Verncombe is a resident of the Village who served on the Committee for almost 50 years.

No other business - this Meeting ended at 19.45