

MILTON LIBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, WED 23 MAY 2021

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, 7PM

Village Hall Committee members present:

Peter Miles, Sarah Spanswick, Lyn Halkes, Jane Barne, Mike Angel, Ollie Wright, Ian Donaldson, Sarah Spanswick, Anthony Wells & Janine Gosling

Apologies: None

Also Present:

Cllr Paul Oatway
Milton Lilbourne Residents

Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked the committee, and Dennis Draper for their, and his, support through what has been a difficult pandemic year.

Special thanks were given to Lyn Halkes, as outgoing Treasurer, for all her efforts and contribution as a member of the committee, overseeing some challenging events including the insurance claim and building works of the hall after the car incident in 2019.

The Chairman introduced Cllr Paul Oatway, who thanked the Chairman, and continued to explained his role and presence at the meeting.

Appointment of Committee Members

Cllr Paul Oatway, in accordance with Milton Lilbourne Village Hall constitution dated 5th January 1976, asked for nominations for the roles for 2021/2022 of Chairman, Vice Chair, Treasurer and members. The following were appointed:

Chairman	Peter Miles	
Vice Chair	Ian Donaldson	
Treasurer	Sarah Spanswick	(Temporary one year)
Secretary	Janine Gosling	(Non Trustee, Temporary post)

Representative members

Parish Council	Anthony Wells	
Church Council	Anthony Barne	(Non Trustee, liaison representative only)

Co-optive members

Jane Barne
Ollie Wright
Mike Angel (Booking Clerk)

Jane Barne stands down as Vice Chairman and Mark Brodie resigns as a Committee member due to personal work commitments.

A new resident, Gary Ellmes attended the meeting after the AGM expressing an interest in joining MLVH. He will be welcomed onto the Committee.

Treasurer's Report

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Income for the year to 31 December 2020 was £16,548, which was up 11.3% on 2019. This was due to Covid Support Grants received from Wiltshire Council, which totalled £11,801.

The hall has been closed since March 2020, so the Rental and Events Income in 2020 represents only two months.

The Rough & Tumble in January continued to be an important source of income and raised a net £2,142 in 2020 (2019 - £2,180). Bowls nights contributed £402.

Expenditure before improvements was £5,896, compared to £8,733 in 2019. Main savings in expenditure came from event costs and cleaning costs as a result of the hall closure.

Advantage was taken of the closure to continue the hall improvements. These included the purchase of a dishwasher and new sinks and taps for the main kitchen, total refurbishment of the bar kitchen including raising the opening and installing a tambour shutter, new blinds for both kitchens and repainting. Total expenditure on improvements was £12,289.

The net deficit for the year was £1,637, compared to a surplus in 2019 of £1,021.

This had the impact of reducing our total cash balances on 31 December 2020 to £12,323.

Comments /Questions from the floor

Cllr Oatway and The Chairman congratulated the Treasurer (Lyn Halkes) on her well-presented accounts and proceeded to acknowledge her hard work with a small thank you gift which was gratefully received and followed up with a few words from Lyn.

The floor was handed back to the Committee Chairman.

A question was raised by a resident querying the uplift in electricity expenditure in 2020 compared to 2019 given the hall's enforced Covid 19 lockdown during the Pandemic during most of 2020. The Treasurer explained the most likely reason was some retained hall use during 2020, increased electricity tariffs and the long closure of the hall in 2019 (due to car incident) making the comparable yearly charges seem misaligned. The Treasurer was prepared to look at it in more detail at a later date, but this was not deemed necessary by the resident.

Ian Donaldson confirmed the heating in hall is now in working order (full report in Committee meeting minutes).

The Chairman raised the subject of one of the trees in the recreation ground needing special attention and handed the subject matter to James Coughran, a Tree Surgeon who lives in Milton. The large Ash tree on the southern side of the recreation ground is well advanced with Ash die back and in his

professional opinion needs to be removed as soon as possible. After some discussion from the floor and Committee members it was decided that the tree will need to come down as its condition was considered dangerous. A couple of quotes will be sought and several Committee members and residents loosely discussed distribution of the tree parts once professionally felled, including using some of the trunk to border the open eastern end of the playing field. Details to be confirmed.

It was suggested the Committee apply to The Tree Council to get a grant for a replacement tree. It was agreed this will be more fully explored at a later date.

The Chairman's closing remarks thanked all attendees and the meeting was ended at approximately 8.05pm.