

MILTON LILBOURNE VILLAGE HALL AND RECREATION GROUND
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON THURSDAY 13TH JUNE 2019 BEGINNING AT 7:00PM

Village Hall Committee members present:

Peter Miles, Chairman
Lyn Halkes, Treasurer
Gary Baglin
Jane Barne
Anthony Barne
Nick Woods

Also present:

Cllr Paul Oatway QPM
Milton Lilbourne Residents

Apologies received:

Cllr Anthony Wells

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 9th March 2018

The minutes were confirmed as a true record.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked the committee for their support throughout the year. Special thanks go to Lyn Halkes for her efforts following the events on 10th January when a car went into the side of the village hall. It was Lyn who dealt with the insurance claim and who liaised with the builders. It took five months to rebuild the wall and re-decorate the hall. Lyn chose the colours which look warm and welcoming.

Thanks are also due to Peter Shepard who was responsible for erecting the acoustic panels which have brought about such an improvement in the hall.

Throughout 2019, the Parish Council has improved the play area and it is nice to see that it is being used by families.

The annual Rough and Tumble was held on 14th January 2019. This ten-mile cross-country run, with 600 runners, posed quite a challenge because the hall was closed following the damage caused by the car to the side wall. The committee and volunteers rose to the challenge however and the cakes and hot drinks were served on the recreation ground in a tent. The day was a great success due solely to the input of all the wonderful volunteers and marshals involved. Thank you all for your

time and efforts. We are looking forward to next year's event.

Many thanks also go to Brian Deadman who has now given up the booking clerk and keyholder positions which he held for many years. Thank you Perky from the committee.

The Chairman thanked Carol Miles for all her hard work in the past year and for helping with Bingo and Skittles evenings.

Similarly, grateful thanks go to Dennis Draper for his hard work. Dennis only has to be asked for help with any maintenance work needed and he is quick to respond.

A year ago, the Chairman started a Short Mat Bowls evening which proved so popular that a second mat was needed and has now been bought. Currently there are about sixteen villagers playing, which brings in over £30 each week.

As the 2018 Summer Fayre was the last one, the Chairman decided that he could not let that happen. He brought together a good team and, with their help, they have organised the Milton Lilbourne Fun Day to be held on 29th June. It is in aid of Milton Lilbourne Village Hall and St Peter's Church.

The Chairman thanked those present for their time and attention.

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 2019/2020 of Chairman, Vice Chair, Treasurer and members. The following were appointed:

Chairman	Peter Miles
Vice Chair	No nominations
Treasurer	Lyn Halkes
Members	Gary Baglin Jane Barne Nick Woods

Anthony Barne will attend when Church matters are discussed

The Chairman will appoint a member to represent the Parish Council

Treasurer's Report

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Income for the year to 31 December 2018 was £15,681, which was up nearly 10% on the previous year.

Income from renting the hall was roughly the same at £8,995 but income from Events was up 20% at £6,686.

Events held during the year for the benefit of parishioners included Pub Nights, Skittles, 2 Bingo sessions, a Race night, Quiz night and Harvest Supper.

A regular Bowls night, the provision of a bar for the Remembrance Sunday commemoration and for a private party all boosted income. The Rough & Tumble race in January continues to be an important contributor to hall funds and raised £2438, in 2018.

Expenditure decreased by £8,822 or 50% to £8,858. This was largely as a result of a significant reduction in maintenance costs having had major expenditure in 2017 on repairing the heating system and on installing CCTV. Maintenance in 2018 included £1,150 spent on acoustics, a further £1,150 having been spent in 2019.

Utility costs were lower as a result of renegotiating the electricity contract and previous heating system problems having been remedied.

Our insurance premium was higher as a result of increasing the sum insured which, after review, was considered to be too low.

In this connection, although it occurred after the end of the financial year, it is worth noting that the full cost of securing and repairing the hall was met by insurers.

As a result of the increased income and significant expenditure savings in 2018, the resulting net surplus for the year was £6,823, which is £10,234 higher than the previous year.

This had the impact of increasing our accumulated funds at 31 December 2018 to a healthy £12,938. The committee are currently considering plans to utilise some of these funds for the benefit of the community, whilst maintaining a prudent level of reserves. Ideas currently under consideration are adding more acoustic panels, adding a dishwasher and generally improving the kitchen.

Comments/Questions from the floor

Cllr Oatway congratulated the Treasurer on her well-presented accounts.

He congratulated the Chairman on his achievements in the past year. In Cllr Oatway's view the Village Hall had been transformed and the acoustic panels were a great success. If further panels were thought to be necessary, he could enable the committee to receive a grant of either £1,000 or £3,000.

The Chairman replied that further improvements were in the planning stage:

- updating the kitchen and installing a commercial dishwasher, and
- installing hand dryers in the cloakrooms.

It was suggested, and noted, that the hall would benefit from new lighting suitable for creating a better atmosphere.

The new Village Hall website was discussed and it was explained that the content was currently in the process of being finalised before the site is launched in the near future. There will be links between the Village Hall and Parish Council websites. It has yet to be decided whether there should be a hyperlink to the Milton Lilbourne Village Facebook page.

It was acknowledged that younger people in the village could not often attend evening events as some would not have returned from work and childcare issues prevented others. It was stressed that they still wanted to be involved in village life.

All villagers were issued an open invitation to watch the cricket match to be played on the recreation ground. This is planned for 2 - 6pm on 13 July 2019. The organisers need a cylinder mower for tidying up the wicket and it was suggested that Keith Deadman might be able to help.

Lyn Halkes pointed out that the committee welcomed suggestions for events and especially events that would appeal to young families. All suggestions and offers to help would be welcome.

It was asked if villagers who had attended defibrillator training needed retraining after a period of years. There is training offered annually for using a defibrillator but this is to increase awareness rather than to retrain people.

It was announced that the next Pub Night would be held on 22nd June.

The meeting ended at 19:22.