

CLAVERHAM VILLAGE HALL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 7TH October 2015

Present: E Dobbs, B Evans, C Evans, K Hunt, R Hunt, V Hunt, G Smith, M Smith, D Stanley, M Stanley, B Sullivan, E Watson, J Watson, J Williams, A Yearsley

Apologies: G Bland, T Bland

Minutes of previous meeting Minutes of the AGM on 9th May 2014 were approved

Chairman's Report

The chairman welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked them for coming. Another successful year at the hall with the usual May Day and Shakespeare events being popular as ever.

We had 4 weddings, 5 christenings and 9 wakes, and the usual parties and other celebrations. Thanks to all the bar staff involved.

We have tidied up the grounds around the conservatory and the side of the hall this year.

The committee has been approached with the proposal of setting up a youth facility within the hall, utilising the storage space at the rear of the hall. This is at early stages of forming a committee and starting to raise funds. Although the hall is supportive of this there is no financial commitment from us.

Mary and Graham Smith have decided to step back from the hall this year. We thank them for all their hard work and commitment over the years and hope to still see them at hall events.

Myself and Andrew met with the senior manager earlier in the year to discuss the closure of Claverham Limited and the possibility of purchasing the ground of the Village Hall. At the time they were still in the early days of planning the closure and said they would keep our offer in mind.

Finally, I would like to thank all the volunteers who make the hall what it is.

Treasurer's Report

The transfer of assets to the CIO kept me busy for a few months at the start of the year, but also gave the opportunity to straighten out some historic arrangements that were tricky to manager. Because of the transfer to the CIO our submitted accounts this year will not show comparative figures, but will show the transfer in of the net assets.

We have taken the opportunity when moving things around to distribute our investments between providers to have more protection and also to achieve better interest rates. Our investments have grown by 4.6% this year, slightly down on 4.8% last year and the solar panels have generated 8.9% compared to 7.4%

The accounts summary provided shows a deficit of £7.5k this year. This is mainly due to a change in our depreciation policy for the building. After consideration with the accounts we have decided to depreciate the building over 50 years to represent the fact that further money will need to be spent in the future to maintain the excellent facilities.

CVE have continued to make donations to the hall, and without these we would be showing a higher deficit in our accounts. However, their contributions have fallen by £7.5k this year to £15k. Given this we are

always looking at ways to reduce our costs and to try and make sure that the hall is as self-sufficient as possible.

Sometimes this involves investing further funds to ensure that the running costs of the hall are as low as possible and to provide a welcoming environment for our hirers. To this end we are currently obtaining quotes to replace the current boiler system and improve the efficiency of the hall heating. We have seen an increase in the costs of maintaining the existing system and been advised that there isn't enough heat arriving at the fan heaters to be effective.

Along with increased costs of maintaining the heating system we have also seen more expenditure maintaining the hall in general, along with a couple of projects to tidy up the general appearance outside.

Election of Officers

The following persons were elected having been nominated prior to the meeting;

- Chairperson - John Williams
- Treasurer - Andrew Yearsley
- Secretary - Bob Evans

Committee Members

- John Dare
- Luke Christie
- Ralph Ludin
- Helen Hicks
- Emily Dobbs

Any Other Business

- Can there be more events on a Saturday to attract people to the hall.
- Yellow lines needed in front of the main doors to keep access clear.
- Can there be curtains or blinds put back up in the bar
- More notice when the bar will be closed, or ensure the bar is open all the time
- Can the kitchen be extended

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed