

BUCKLAND NEWTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Village Hall on 3rd June 2013 at 7.30 pm

ATTENDANCE

Nicki Barker [NB] (*in the chair*), Jeremy Collins [JC], Jan Marpole [JM], Trevor Marpole [TM], Fran Parker [FP], Lysander Parsons [LP] *representing David Oswald for the Youth Club*, Ian Scott [IS], Aimee Stone [AS], Sue Sulkin [SS].

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 31ST MAY 2012

The minutes were circulated by the Minute Secretary. Approval of the Minutes was proposed by Ian Scott, seconded by Trevor Marpole and agreed unanimously by those at that meeting and signed by the Chair.

3. MATTERS ARISING

None

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

This last year had been considerably less demanding on the Committee than the previous year in the absence of any major project. Thanks to Sue Sulkin's efforts and despite the loss of the Playgroup, the hall continued to be very well used by the community with both regular groups engaging a wide range of age-groups, individual hirings and ad hoc private events. The newly installed kitchen seemed to be working well and in general, hall users had been noticeably careful and the new paintwork throughout the hall was lasting sufficiently well not to need an annual redecoration during the year. The floor had also remained in good condition and should not need resealing for at least another year. Our thanks as always to Trevor for his rapid response on a whole variety of maintenance issues that were constantly being thrown up. His freely given time and skills meant that we were able to keep hall hire rates down and remain solvent. Beyond the work that Trevor carries out, we had to address a serious drainage issue. Tree roots had invaded the old clay pipe drainage system between the Hall and the manhole nearest to the road, almost completely blocking the system. It was sufficiently serious that it could have caused complete malfunction of the sewer system, particularly at a time of increased usage such as a big event. During the half term break at the beginning of October, Brad Perrett of BNH replaced the old clay pipes with a continuous 110mm diameter pipe between the 2 manhole covers. The pipe has been surrounded by gravel to divert any further root problems, and installed at a depth of about a meter below the tarmac. The cost for this was £1200, and was largely covered by a generous

donation from the Village Fete. Other external contract work required was to remove several major limbs of a willow tree that were threatening the oil tank. At the same time, tree surgeon Paddy Needham, removed a number of small, spindly trees close to our northern boundary in the "wilderness area" behind the hall.

These were causing significant loss of light to Jill Southam's house and garden; a small recompense for all the work she has done in keeping the flower beds next to the car park tarmac so attractive. New wooden sleepers had been purchased and installed on the edge of the tarmac to protect the garden area and boundary fencing from damage by reversing cars. Mr Ferns of Dorset Conservatory Blinds from Poole serviced the roof roller and blackout blinds in May this year. These were beginning to fail to move easily and needed a good clean and springs replaced. On the drama and music side, the hall had hosted a really good selection of Artsreach events thanks to the efforts of Fran Parker and Ian Scott.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year (attached).

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Nicki Barker, seconded by Trevor Marpole, and agreed unanimously.

6. **NOMINATIONS TO THE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FROM USER ORGANISATIONS**

Nominations were as follows:

Lydden Ladies – Jan Marpole
Gardening Club – Vivianne Bernhard
Parochial Church Council – Jeremy Collins
Parish Council - Trevor Marpole
Artsreach – Fran Parker
Village Café – Fizz Lewis
Youth Club – David Oswald
Playgroup/Toddlers – Philippa Perrett
Lunch Club - Mark Douglass
BAPS – Trevor Marpole
Young Farmers – vacant
Yoga – Nicki Barker
Fete Committee – Jeremy Collins
Wayfarers – Helen Simpson
Keep Fit / Pilates – Sue Sulkin

The nomination of members above was proposed by Jeremy Collins, seconded by Sue Sulkin and agreed unanimously.

7. **ELECTION OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Ian Scott was proposed by Nicki Barker, seconded by Trevor Marpole; Sue Sulkin was proposed by Nicki Barker, seconded by Jan Marpole. Both members were elected unanimously.

8. **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

The appointment of Sharon Calcutt as auditor was proposed by Sue Sulkin, seconded by Nicki Barker and agreed unanimously. The honorarium was agreed at £80.

9. **ITEMS RAISED FROM THE FLOOR AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No matters raised.

The meeting closed at 7.47 pm.