

Haddenham Village Hall Social Centre
AGM 2018

Present:

Margaret Aston (Chair)
Lindsey Poole (Committee)
Brenda Bonnage (Committee)
Sue Geenes (Committee)
Sue Young (Pondarosa Line Dance)
Graham Oliver (Haddenham Horticultural Society)
Pat Foulkes (Ladies Badminton)
Mike Sullivan (Haddenham Players)
Theresa Smith (Haddenham U3A)
Doreen Booker (U3A Gardening Group)
John Wheeler (Haddenham Age Concern)
Peter Jeffery (Village)
Christina Jeffery (Bucks Herald correspondent)
Margaret Watkins (Village)
Angela Hart (Haddenham U3A)
Sue Leaver (Haddenham Bowls)
June Swash (Haddenham Bowls)
Graham Tyack (Haddenham Village Society)
Michael Whitney (Village)
Sue Parkinson (Village)
Vicky Parkinson (Village)
Alison Watt (Haddenham Village Society)
Michael Walden (Haddenham U3A)
Wendy Walden (Haddenham & Witchert W.I.)
Lorraine Milmer (Cafe Plus)
Keith Milmer (Haddenham.net)
Pete Summerskill (Administrator)

1. Apologies:

Stuart Monro
Ian Parkinson

The meeting began with Margaret Aston thanking Sue Parkinson for her many years service to the Village Hall. Sue was presented with a gift as appreciation.

2. The minutes of the previous AGM held on 31 May 2017 were accepted and signed. Comment was made regarding the large number of spurious apostrophes.

3. Matters Arising:

Comment was made regarding the online booking system removing face to face interaction and causing the potential for regular spots to be taken by others. Reply was made that there is no

time limit to bookings so those who can plan far ahead are recommended to book well ahead but please respect other regular users.

4. Report from the Chair:

Margaret welcomed everyone to the meeting and said she was pleased to see a good turnout. She said there are big ideas for the future and lots of projects are being deliberated. On the cards are to continue rewiring and instigate total boiler upgrades to improve efficiency and save money although the savings may take a while to appear due to the expense of the work.

5. Independent Accounts Examiner report:

Jeremy Lovell presented the report for the year ending 31st March.

He particularly noting the following:

- Lettings were down by £1095 which was not helped by the Ceilidhs ending.
- Gas and Electricity bills were up on the previous year by £1000. Due mainly to a bad winter and increase in fuel charges.
- Sewage and Water bills were up by £100
- General repairs came to £22,000, double the previous year - the main expenses were for rewiring and heating maintenance.

A question regarding the PRS licence came from the floor - is it for music and dancing and is it based on total lettings? Answer Yes.

The report was accepted.

Margaret Aston thanked Jeremy for his work and noted that this was his last.

Discussion followed including the point that the kitchen was now being commercially cleaned at the cost of £1600.

We now have access to the Gas meter and can check the meter readings against British Gas invoices. If any discrepancies are found these will be taken up with them.

The Gas contract is up for renewal next January and renegotiations will start in December.

6. Executive committee

Appointees are:

David Truesdale (Parish Council);

User Reps are:

Alison Watt (Village Society)

John Wheeler (Haddenham Age Concern)

7. AOB

- a) Graham Oliver is working closely with contractors using his expertise to determine the best way to implement boiler and heating improvements. The aim is to make sure the whole building is heated properly and efficiently resulting in improved comfort, reduced bills and fewer emissions. He is putting a proposal together which will hopefully attract a grant.

b) Steve Sharp proposed the Constitution is reviewed and rewritten to reflect current conditions of operation. The proposal is:

'In order to encourage support for the Village Hall's role in the community and its further development, and in view of the uncertainty surrounding the constitutional status of the Village Hall charity, this meeting resolves to review its constitution as a matter of urgency and report back to its next meeting.'

The proposal was seconded by Keith Milmer and carried.

Michael Whitney asked if much will change and that changes will need Village consent. It was agreed a draft will be circulated for wide discussion.

Peter Jeffery asked which version of the constitution is currently in place; the original 1960, updated 1987 or the 2007 version with a handwritten amendment. It was generally agreed the 2007 version is current.

c) A question was raised regarding progress with an AV system, which has been discussed many times at previous AGMs. The answer was that this needs proper consideration given the current ideas to improve the Hall and whether we work with what we have or (possibly) a new building.

d) Brenda Bonnage indicated Age Concern may stop using the Hall for meals unless the kitchen was updated. Sue Geenes said she has had a conversation with Dandara builders who indicated they would be willing to pay for a kitchen refurbishment. A meeting is imminent.

e) Graham Oliver said there are a lot of professional people living in Haddenham who may be willing to help with various projects and urged everyone to speak to their contacts to see if any are available. Details of willing experts to be passed to Pete Summerskill who will collate.

f) The floor was asked for ideas as to how to let residents, especially new ones, about the Village Hall and what activities take place. Suggestions included flyers, Estate Agent leaflets, Go Local and a notice board outside. Mike Sullivan has a Marketing Executive background and volunteered to help with this.

g) A building survey has been completed and a report is due now. Work may be required depending on its findings.

8. Date of next AGM

22nd May 2019, 8pm in the Walter Rose Room.