

Finmere Village Hall Management and Finmere Playing Fields Committee

Draft minutes of AGM held 17th. January, 2012

Present: Phillip Rushforth, Alan Jones, Trevor Jones, Peter Grimwade, Paul Nash

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Illa Moss, Jo Howkins, Mike Kerford-Byrnes and Stephen Beale.

Election of Officers: Illa Moss had indicated her willingness to re-stand as Chair, in the absence of any other members volunteering for the position. There were no volunteers and the meeting voted to re-elect Illa as Chair. Phillip Rushforth indicated his willingness to re-stand as Treasurer and Booking Secretary and Paul Nash indicated his willingness to re-stand as Secretary. The meeting voted to re-elect Phillip and Paul to the respective positions. Peter Grimwade, Alan Jones and Trevor Jones indicated to their willingness to re-stand as village representatives and were re-elected.

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 18th. November were approved, subject to the correction of a typing error in 'matters arising'. "The floors had been stripper" should read "had been stripped" !!

Matters arising:

- (a) Update on lease – In the absence of Mike K.B., there was little information regarding the Service Agreement & lease proposals that are awaited from the Parish Council. The meeting did feel however, that whatever the format in which the agreement was finally formed, it would become the basis for service agreements that could be used with regular users of the hall and playing fields. Peter G. drew the meeting's attention to the eventual plans to amalgamate the 2 existing charities into one new charity (requiring dissolution of the existing and creation of the new) and the implications for the new trustees. Peter felt, and the meeting agreed, that it was unacceptable for volunteer trustees to be held financially liable for the affairs of the charity. The meeting felt that there were means by which such liabilities may be contained, but it was unclear as to exactly what the means were. Peter G. agreed to look into the matter.
- (b) Children's play area. It was noted that the children's play area lies outside the area of land recently purchased from the Mixbury Trust by the PC. However it was likely that the committee would continue to maintain the area. Phillip R. had placed the bird spikes in place during December and their effectiveness will be monitored.
- (c) Dog fouling – although this item had been closed in the previous meeting, it had since been noticed that no actual 'dog control' signs appeared to be in place around the playing field, or at any entrance. The PC will be asked if they can rectify this and the meeting felt that approx. ½ doz. Signs would suffice.
- (d) External fabric of the hall – As previously agreed, Phillip R. had ordered the guttering liner and it had been delivered during the past week. A working party will be required to install the liner material, but it was felt that this was best undertaken when the weather was a little warmer. A section of the material will need to be heated as part of the installation process and the current temperatures would make the material difficult to install into the gutters.
- (e) Golden Jubilee celebrations – Mike K.B had organised a village meeting which had resulted in the formation of an organising committee. The first meeting of

that committee was due to take place the following evening. This is outside the scope of the village hall management committee and this item is now closed.

- (f) The meeting moved a vote of thanks to Illa for her organisation and work at the Curry and Quiz night. The evening was a considerable success and raised a total of £380 for the hall funds.
- (g) Long term project plan for Hall renovation – The committee would like to have a greater involvement or input into this subject from both the regular hall users and interested villagers. In view of the small number of committee members present, this item is moved to the next meeting.

Financial report:

Phillip R. presented the income v expenditure accounts for the year to 30th. Sept., 2011.

See appendix 1.

Phillip drew the meeting's attention to the following issues:

Receipts from hall hire had increased and income over expenditure had moved from a negative sum in 2010, to a positive sum of £1015 in 2011.

The Gas supplier had recently been changed and saving were expected in the future

The Elec. supplier had been changed and savings were also expected as a result.

The Chub contract had been terminated, with a new service supplier contracted. There was an initial change cost, but overall, savings would result.

The meeting voted to approve the report and Peter G. moved a vote of thanks to Phillip for his excellent work.

AOB:

Phillip R. drew the meeting's attention to the issue of cars parking on the grass, close to and often blocking, the fire exit. A 'No Parking' sign needed to be placed on outside of the fire door.

There were no other subjects.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be the AGM on 9th. March, 2012 at 8.00pm

Paul Nash

Secretary

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Fimmere Sports Club + Pavilion



Football

Cricket

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