

ELLERKER VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 23 November 2018

Minutes: The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 10 November 2017 were signed as a correct record.

Tricia addressed the meeting and told them she would be standing down as Chairperson. Mike Parker expressed thanks on behalf of the Committee for her hard work and dedication to the continued success of our village hall. Lyn Waddingham expressed thanks to Tricia on behalf of the residents of Ellerker.

Chairperson's Report: Good Evening and thank you for your interest in the village hall. You are all welcome whether it is to look at the exhibition and see the original 1776 Ellerker Award, to admire our newly decorated hall or to be appointed as a Trustee or a Committee Member.

The Committee this year was myself as Chairperson (Tricia Christmas) Sue Parker (Secretary), Mike Parker (Treasurer), Suwfiya Habergham (Parish Council) Linda Wilson (Playing Fields) David Wood (Neighbourhood Watch)

Brenda Jackson continues to make an excellent job of cleaning the hall and we have a window cleaner for outside 4 or 5 times a year.

Our bookings on line are proving popular and we now have a mobile phone to make it easier for the Committee. We still have room for regular events and it is hoped that a Tai Chi class will begin in the New Year. Children's parties are proving popular. The Barn Dance was again a success thanks to the hard work of the committee and many local people. The income generated has kept the hall warm and fully insured. We have also given it a new look by redecorating and placing blinds at the windows. We have since discovered rot in the roof timbers. This has been repaired but the Gents toilet will have to be repainted. We have continued to open the hall for church services, funerals and weddings for the use of the toilets.

The time capsule outside under the porch remains untouched.

I wish to thank everyone for their support. While I have been the Chairperson we have received two lottery grants. The cavity walls were filled, a new heating system installed and the kitchen upgraded. Electricity was brought to the cloakrooms which meant that hand dryers and hot water could be installed and later the socket for the Christmas lights and the defibrillator.

We have had some good entertainment in the form of a cinema and a theatre group but as I indicated last year I feel that it is time to give someone else the opportunity to be the Chairperson.

Thank you.

Treasurer's Report: Mike presented the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2018. Thanks were expressed to Mike for his work in the role of Treasurer.

Representatives from Village Organisations

St. Anne's Church
W.I.

Tricia Christmas and Sue Parker
No response

Parish Council
Playing Fields
Neighbourhood Watch

Suwfieya Habergham
Mike Riding and Linda Wilson
Mike Parker and David Wood

Mike Barnett and Tony Hurley

Mike Parker proposed that Mike Barnett be appointed as Chairman. Seconded by Suwfieya Habergham. Mike and Sue agreed to carry on as Treasurer and Secretary. There were no more nominations but Lyn Waddingham is very happy to help but does not want to be on the Committee.

A general discussion took place with regard to the appeal made to villagers for volunteers to come forward either as Trustees or Committee Members. Tim Pickles, Dorothy Dennett, Neil Barratt and Felicity Rix expressed an interest in acting as Trustees. In view of the difficulty in recruiting committee members for both the village hall and playing fields it has been suggested that the two might merge. However, Tricia was concerned that this would not be possible due to the separate Trust Deeds and any merger would require legal involvement which would be very expensive. The two committees will continue to work closely together.

Date of next meeting: 12 December 2018