

PRISTON VILLAGE HALL
Minutes of the A.G.M
Wednesday 7th February 2024 7pm

Present:

David Hassard: Chair
Lissa Carter : Vice Chair
Peter Brookes: Treasurer
Richard Bottle
Sue Copperman
Jane Harvey
James Franklin-Adams
Maggie Rideout

11. Apologies: George Haines, Farah Downing

2. Minutes from the last AGM and Matters Arising

Peter confirmed he would contact the Charity Commission to check all the information was in order.

3 Chairman's Report

Hall Use The hall was extensively used throughout the year with a diverse range of activities and events. The Saturday cafe has been the stand-out social event for villagers and for the charities it supports.

Hall Maintenance The fabric of the hall remains in relatively good shape. Minor repairs are needed and the paintwork, internally and externally, needs refreshing. A working party will be set-up in the Spring. Inadequate insulation has resulted in some condensation problems especially following parties. Peter is researching to see if this can be alleviated. The condition of the car park remains a concern and improvement ideas will be considered later.

Highlights of the year Thanks to our Treasurer, Peter Brookes, who led the highly successful refurbishment of the chairs which has saved the hall a considerable amount of money. The chairs look good and should last for many more years. Good use was made of the projector with shows of village photographs and presentations of the King's Coronation and some World Cup Rugby matches. On the social side the Village Hall Committee arranged the Coronation Celebrations and the Village Social and have been involved in a number of other village events such as the Flower and Music Festivals.

Administration There have been no changes to the committee during the year. I encourage other villagers to come forward and join the committee as turnover is a good thing and the role is not onerous or time-consuming. I would like to thank all committee members for their efforts in 2023 and also thank other villagers for their help particularly with the refurbishment of the chairs. I also thank Maggie for her 'front of house' role as Bookings Manager.

Plans for 2024 Looking ahead we have the Village Social this month and other plans will be considered in the following Ordinary Meeting. This year the Six Nations rugby will be shown in the hall and hopefully other sports events too. Ongoing maintenance to the hall will be required and a number of possible improvements will be considered either self-funded or with the help of grants.

34. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report had been circulated beforehand and the layout of the data comparing current and previous years was considered helpful.

2023 was a satisfactory year for the hall's finances. A deficit of £532 was fair given the completion of the reconditioned chair project which was included in the expenditure of £2071 on repairs and renewals.

The two social events made profits of £293 and £683 and letting income was up by 55% on 2022. Peter thanked all the committee for their work over the year.

The electricity bill information has improved and now gives a better match with the current contract. Expenditure on electricity rose by 32% and the electricity costs need to be reduced where possible. Peter will look to add the kitchen heater to the metered hall heaters so that hirers would cover its costs.

The Independent Examiner has examined the accounts and has no concerns. The Treasurer's Report was approved and adopted unanimously.

35. Election of Officers

The existing Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer were happy to remain in post and were proposed by James and seconded by Richard. Richard suggested that we should have succession planning in place to prepare for future changes as the Chairman has announced he will step down after one more year.

36. Election of Committee

All the current committee are happy to continue. David proposed and Peter seconded all committee members to be retained. Additional new members will be encouraged to join the committee .

7. Any Other Business

Social events for 2024 will be discussed in the following Ordinary Meeting.