

# The Village Hall

MILBORNE ST ANDREW



Registered Charity No: 301153

## Milborne St Andrew Village Hall Draft Notes of the Village Hall AGM

Wednesday 1st May 2019 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall

### Present:

Eric Crichton, Pam Shults\*, Sue Dawson\*, Gren Elphinstone Davis\*, Sarah Ryan\*, Ian Karley\*, Sandie Sach\*, Julie Johannsen\*, Jenny Balcon (Committee Member), June Maitland, Di Harris, Nicola and William McLean, Paul Tasker, Dave and Val Andrews. (Trustees have asterisks)

1. **President's Introduction:** Eric welcomed everyone to the AGM.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received: Ed Frost\*, Rose Frost, Alison Riddle, Linda Wright\*

3. **Notes of the 2018 AGM, held on Wed. 2nd May 2018**

Pam Shults asked if there were any corrections to the Notes of the 2018 AGM. The Notes, after being proposed by Ian Karley and seconded by Sandie Sach, were accepted.

4. **Trustees' Reports for the year January 1st 2018 to Dec 31st 2018**

a. **Chairperson's Report**

Pam gave her report and started by thanking Eric for his ongoing support, help and encouragement as President of the Village Hall. She then thanked each member of the Committee for their enthusiasm, willingness to help and to be involved. She also thanked Kelly for keeping the hall clean and usable and all those others who help and support us, not only on a day by day basis, but also at fundraising functions like the film nights.

She said that this year the Hall had been decorated and new doors had been installed.

We had had some challenges: there had been ongoing problems with car parking. We worked with the residents of the Causeway and even tried locking the car park for a while, but there were still problems and we are looking at different options and continuing to monitor the situation.

We have also had problems with converting our existing charity status to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation: the Charity Commission kept telling us different things, but we now have a solicitor working for us, and hope that that should expedite things.

She made a plea for more help. We need more committee members, especially a caretaker; and more people willing to volunteer, especially in the grounds.

The coming year: there are still ongoing matters that we hope can be tackled this year. This includes refurbishing more of the play equipment, resolving the fence situation, finishing the conversion of the charity status and continuing to ensure that the hall and grounds are seen as valuable assets for villagers and hall users.

#### **b. Treasurer's report**

Ed Frost was not in attendance, but had written a comprehensive Statement and Report. Elizabeth Humphrey was thanked for again auditing our accounts. Eric asked for any questions arising from the reports.

**5. Matters arising:** There were none.

#### **6. Election of Committee for 2019**

Eric read out the list of people willing to stand as a trustee, (Pam Shults\*, Ed Frost\*, Sue Dawson\*, Gren Elphinstone Davis\*, Sarah Ryan\*, Ian Karley\*, Sandie Sach\*, Linda Wright\*, Rose Frost\*); and Alison Riddle, Jenny Balcon and Paul Tasker (Committee Members). Julie Johannsen has resigned and her involvement was gratefully recognized. Rose Frost will be representing the Food and Wine Club in her place. Eric proposed that they be voted for en bloc and all agreed. June Maitland proposed this and Heather Hogg seconded. All were accepted.

#### **7. Any other business**

Eric asked if there were any concerns.

#### **Fencing**

Ronald Hogg reminded us of the history of the football played in the field. The installation of the MUGA meant that balls were coming over the fence all the time. Nicola and William McLean from Brook Cottage backed him up, saying that they have had lots of abuse from youngsters for the last seven years. She said that the temporary fencing had been up for years, but no progress has been made, and she and her husband have had no support. It had been hoped that people who wanted to play football would be able to go up to the Sports Club, but they believe that the Sports Club doesn't allow them to be there. Mrs McLean has talked to the Sports Club but they are not interested in helping. Mrs Hogg felt that new fencing would help. Pam apologized for the fact that we have been so slow. She said that we have found out about different options and Gren explained the difficulties involved in making the right decision. She said that it will be a priority for the coming year and thanked the McLeans and the Hoggs for coming to the meeting. The McLeans handed her a letter for each trustee. Paul Tasker proposed a motion that the Village Hall install new fencing as a matter of urgency. ACTION THE COMMITTEE

### **Doors**

Dave Andrews asked about blinds for the new doors, as the old ones are inadequate. Ian said he is in the process of doing it. ACTION IAN

Eric thanked everyone for coming and for their contributions and closed the meeting at 8.00pm. He stayed for a while longer for the Committee meeting, as discussion continued about the fencing. He left at 8.15 pm.

### **The following papers were available**

1. Notes of the 2018 AGM
2. The Annual Report 2018, including the audited accounts
3. The Nominees for election as Trustees
4. Agenda