

**TURVILLE NORTHEEND VILLAGE HALL**

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2011**

1. **Present :** David Cairns – Chairman  
Stephen Bucknill – Secretary  
Rob Oldershaw - Treasurer  
Ray Jones, James McConville, Steve Blake, Jo McConville, Mike Wicks, Veronica Ramsay, Jonny Hill, Cindy Hill, Ken Morrison, Rosie Morrison, Cayla Twemlow, Pam Jones, Margaret Drage and Colin Malcolmson
2. **Apologies**  
Gary Steventon, Jeremy Mais and Pippa Wels
3. **Minutes of AGM held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2010**  
Approved
4. **Chairman's Report**  
The Chairman started by saying he wanted to recognise everyone who had contributed to Turville Northend Village Hall particularly those involved in its refurbishment. The Chairman said that many people had played a part, he couldn't mention them all, but he thanked them. Notwithstanding all the work that had been done we needed to focus on the future in providing a Hall suitable for the community. The community itself had changed since 1960 and had changed since the refurbishment in 1998; there were fewer people who lived and worked in the immediate vicinity, there were lots of commuters and people with second homes. There were young families and we needed a facility that reflected the community of today not the past. The Chairman added thanks to those increasing numbers who had got involved with the Hall for example, Pippa Wels who had taken on the role of Booking Secretary where usage had increased over the last year. She had asked for further help. On the maintenance side, help had been received from Rob Squizzoni, from Chris Richards and from Nursery School. Others had helped move items out of the hall prior to the School taking occupation in the summer. Pippa Wels and Sally Swift had discussed ways of making this process easier. The Phillips family from Turville Heath had been very helpful in moving stuff back into the Hall after the School had vacated.

Thanks were also due to Veronica Ramsay for her work on the website and we would want to involve others going forward.

The Chairman identified two big issues going forward:-

1. **The legal matter of updating the Constitution.** The Chairman had hoped it would be a simple task but it had taken a little longer than thought. The Trustees would be considering the draft and once approved the Trustees would consult widely on the proposed changes, though it was thought there was nothing controversial. The changes were necessary to comply with charities legislation.
2. **Usage of the Hall.** James McConville had proposed a marketing plan to encourage charities and others to use the Hall and to attract them below cost. Veronica Ramsay had been working on the website. There was a concern over how much use the Hall should have. The Chairman noted the opposition of local residents to some users of the Hall and complaints about some events. The Chairman was concerned that we still were getting complaints. Were we trying to do too much? The views of the local residents should be taken into account in finalising the marketing plan. We had the beginning of a marketing plan and would be discussing this further at the Trustees meeting. We would also be discussing the website being developed by Veronica which was part of the plan to attract use from the surrounding area.

The Chairman also mentioned that there were maintenance issues. There was a damp problem and this is on the agenda for the Trustees meeting.

The Chairman ended by repeating his thanks for all those who had helped with the Hall over the last fifty years and those who would be helping in the future.

#### 4. **Treasurer's Report and accounts 2010**

The Treasurer confirmed that the charities account for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 were due to be submitted to the Charity Commission.

The income highlights for the year were £260.00 from the Council for the Polling Station, £1,900.00 for the Summer Nursery, £200.00 for the BBC 'The Great Outdoors', £390.00 for the Mike Wicks Table Tennis Group and £470.00 for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations (£500.00 had been paid out for the Jazz Band).

The main outgoings for 2010/2011 were £420.00 for the replacement fire extinguishers, £700.00 for insurance (a reduction from previous years) and over £1,000.00 for electricity. This left us with a balance of £12,607.67 at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

For the current year we had received £290.00 for the election, £1,900 for the Summer Nursery and £230.00 in parties etc. £309.00 had been spent replacing another fire extinguisher.

The Treasurer was continuing to investigate a switch of electricity suppliers but as the Hall qualified as a commercial property, it was not as simple as a domestic changeover

The accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 were approved.

5. **Election of Members of the Committee of Management (Trustees)**

The following were nominated and elected as members of the Committee of Management (Trustees):-

David Cairns, James McConville, Michael Wicks, Rob Oldershaw, Stephen Bucknill, Margaret Drage and Steve Blake

6. **Noting of the names of the representative of the Committee of Management (Trustees)**

The following names were noted as having been nominated:-

The Parish Council – Veronica Ramsay

The Parochial Church Council – Jeremy Mais

Northend Village Association - Myria Robinson

Turville Village Association – Sophie Chiappe

The Royal British Legion – Ray Jones