

Minutes Village Hall AGM 2009

Present: Cayla Twemlow, Graham Twemlow, Margaret Drage, Steve Blake, Colin Malcolmson, James MacConville, Jo MacConville.

Chair: David Cairns

Treasurer : Rob Oldershaw

Secretary: Amanda Bucknill

The meeting was opened at 11am

1. **Apologies** Ashlyn Squizonni, Rob Squizonni, Stephen Bucknill, Andy Nichols, Pam Jones, Mary Laurie, Mike Wicks
2. **Minutes of last AGM** approved by Colin Malcolmson, seconded by Steve Blake Unanimously accepted.

3. Chairmans Report

The Chairman gave thanks to all the volunteers who worked for the village Hall. Efforts are being made to try and involve the whole parish but the burden falls onto Northenders. The Table Tennis quiz night, which involved teams from the different villages was sited as a way to get people to the village hall.

The Turville Times has also run a big article on the village hall.

The Christmas party is also including the whole parish. Volunteers are needed to run the hall. Presently, the garden, is being looked after by Jo & James MacConville and Colin Malcolmson. Rob Squizzoni is to take on the maintenance of the hall. The chair expressed his thanks to them. Steve Blake thanked the Chair for a stress free year.

4. Treasurers Report

Rob Oldershaw presented the accounts for the year ending March 09. The main income was from the nursery which also had an extra week this year. There was a drop in interest rates.

The expenditure was larger this year than previous years, this was due to repairs to the lead roof and decoration. An insurance claim for the roof work was made and received. Additions and improvements payment was high due to the kerb stones (July 2008). There were internal decoration payments in December 08.

The balance is still a healthy £14,985.15

The current year March 09 until now, has seen fundraising from the table tennis quiz night (£700) and the nursery, as main sources of income. Other income is derived from pilates, table tennis and parties.

The expenditure has been a new wall (£3,830) and a new dishwasher £413.

There has been an increase in electricity and water. This lead to a question as to the fees for the Village Hall. Also, that rental fees should be more widely advertised in the Turville Times.

Rob Oldershaw is to talk to Ashlyn Squizzoni about increasing fees.

Last years accounts were approved by James MacConville and seconded by Steve Blake

Thanks were given to the treasurer.

5. Election of Trustees and Committee Members

A list of trustees was presented by the chair, made from the Charities Commission and the Village Hall website.

Two trustees wish to step down – Colin Malcolmson and Mary Laurie

Thanks were given to them.

Additional trustees are needed and inquiries are on-going. It was generally felt that trustees/ representatives should be found from Turville, Southend & Turville Heath as it is a parish hall.

Election of Officers

Amanda Bucknill resigned as secretary but proposed Stephen Bucknill as her replacement. Thanks were given to AB and Stephen Bucknill was approved as the new secretary.

All the other appointments were retained and approved.

The chair said that the constitution was 50 years old and needed clarification and updating – particularly the representatives from 5 local organizations (one of which no longer exists).

Cayla Twemlow pointed out that she was no longer Charities Representative.

The AGM was closed

The Village Hall Committee Meeting

1 .**Apologies** same as the above.

2 .**Minutes approval** from the last committee meeting on the 7th February 2009. Margaret Drage was added to apologies. Approved by Steve Blake and seconded by Colin Malcolmson.

3. **Matter Arising**

4. **Financial Report** – as above

5. **Maintenance** There are a number of different projects:-

- **The wall** was completed after obtaining 3 different quotes.

- **Signage** – apologies for the delay were made by David Cairns. He is working on the sign with Andy Nichols.

- **Damp problem** – damp on the internal walls. Rob Squizzoni is investigating the problem. He has been in touch with the District Council Surveyor of Home Preservation Services.

There could be a number of different causes – a fault with the damp proofing course, a leak of water or a leak in the drainage. A course of action cannot be taken until the causes are identified. Guarantees will be looked at if necessary. The documentation is being held in Pam Jones' barn. Cayla Twemlow expresses concerns regarding the time schedule on the guarantees.

- **Fence & Gate.** A new design is being worked on to meet the needs of the school and access. The nursery school has agreed to pay for the gate. James MacConville pointed out that cars had damaged the lid of the septic tank and the top needed replacement.

Thanks were given to all concerned with the building projects.

Garden & Hedges

James MacConville had the hedges cut. There was an issue over the boundary.

James MacConville stated that the flagstones need repointing as with the present situation 18 hours of voluntary work would be needed. James MacConville is going to liaise with Rob Squizonni.

The new tubs are going to go in the garden soon.

A thank you was given to all the work on the garden.

6. **Use of Hall.** A question was raised as to how much advertising we should do for the Village Hall. It was felt that as long as all the parish knew about the facility that the hall was a community facility, so advertising should be limited to the Turville Times.

Events to involve the whole parish include the quiz night, table top sale, theatre and Christmas party.

Future events could be a 50th anniversary of the Charity event. This could coincide with the village rounders. Any future events would be discussed with the Village Association.

The next meeting will be scheduled for next February.