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| **MINUTES of the 2019/20 Annual General Meeting held on 17th March 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom**Westoning Village HallRegistered Charity No 300080 |
| **Present**:Jill Ellis - Chair (Village Resident)Heather Valentine - Treasurer (Co –opted)Sarah Eglinton-Williams (Village Resident)Caroline Luff (Parish Council)Jan Crofts - Correspondence Secretary (Westoning Players)Pat Crowe – Minutes (Village Resident)Any Rayment (Parish Council)Sue Pestell – (WI)**In attendance:**Joyce Nethersole Village resident)Bob Williams (Village resident)**Minutes:** Pat Crowe |
|  | The Chair welcomed everyone to the AGM, the 80th of the Village Hall, and introductions were made. This AGM had been postponed due to the Government restrictions on gatherings imposed during the Covid 19 pandemic.**Apologies for Absence**Paul Lovett - Vice-Chair (Church representative), Gemma Corrigan (Warden/Village Resident) and Paul Ellis (Village Resident) sent their apologies for absence. |
|  | **Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting** (19th June 2019) were accepted as correct. Proposed by Caroline Luff and seconded by Jan Crofts. |
|  | **Matters arising:**There were no matters arising from the last AGM. |
|  | **Chairman’s Report** *“As the financial year came to an end in March 2020 we had no idea of the impact Covid-19 was to have on the village hall and its users. Back in Spring 2019 the Sewing/Craft Group and Church family group TWiG (Tea with God) had just started. Fundraising for the new entrance and toilets was also just getting underway with a concert by the Vauxhall Male Voice Choir in April, the Safari Supper in May, The Players Revue in June and a Treasure Hunt in July. Several donations were also received for the building fund from individuals and also from groups which use the hall. The Big Screen film shows continued to be very popular until coronavirus restrictions meant the final film of the season had to be cancelled. The community recycling for various plastic packaging continued to be very well supported.**The Village Hall ‘won’ a Bags of Help vote by shoppers at Tesco and £4,000 was received. The money was spent on a larder fridge, new gates and fences and to replace some guttering. Money was also received from the Co-op Community Fund and that was put into the building fund.* *Unfortunately electrical installation checks in the hall and house revealed several points requiring remedial action. The hall underwent a redecoration touch up with doors being painted sage green.**The building fund received a big boost in January 2020 with a £50,000 grant from the John Apthorp Charity. Fortunately the 50-50 Share Club was launched just before the hall was shut due to the national lockdown. A second bank account was opened for the Share Club.**An asbestos survey of the whole building, including the house, was undertaken with particular attention to the foyer and ‘gents’ which were due for demolition. Unfortunately some asbestos was identified in the ceiling coverings, the floor tiles and adhesive and a concrete soil pipe.**I would like to thank everyone who has organised fundraising events for us and also all those people who have attended events. A big thank you to everyone on the committee for all their hard work to get the fundraising off to such a good start. As usual I must thank our warden and her husband for all their hard work keeping the hall clean, managing the bookings, etc. And I mustn’t forget to thank all the volunteers who are called upon to do odd jobs around the hall.”* The Chair was also thanked for her hard work. |
|  | **Treasurer’s report**The Treasurer had shared the accounts prior to the meeting, via the website.The Committee thanked the Treasurer, Heather Valentine, and her husband, Brian, for their hard work ensuring the Accounts for the Year Ending 31st March 2020 were submitted and examined by an independent examiner, David J Wardell, FCMA. The accounts showed no areas of concern. Bob Williams, Village Resident, concurred with this.The Accounts were accepted. Proposed by Sarah Eglinton-Williams and Seconded by Sue Pestell.  |
| 6. | **Election of three Village Representatives** Jan Crofts led the election of the three Village Representatives.Jill Ellis, Pat Crowe and Sarah Eglinton-Williams were proposed by Sue Pestell and seconded by Andy Rayment. They were all elected unanimously.  |
| 7. | **Any Other Business:** As there was no other business, the AGM was closed and members of the public were thanked for attending. |
| 8. | **Date of next meeting – AGM 2020/21**The next AGM will be held on 21st July 2021, a month later than usual, to enable the Hall to be used, if Covid-19 restrictions allow. The Annual General Meeting closed 7.55 pm. |