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| **MINUTES of the 2022 Annual General Meeting held on 15th June 2022**  Westoning Village Hall  Registered Charity No 300080  **at 7.30 pm at Westoning Village Hall** | |
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|  | The Chair welcomed everyone to the AGM, and introductions were made.  **Apologies for Absence** were received from Rebecca Caird (PCC Representative) and Sue Pestell – (WI) |
|  | **Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting** (21st July 2021) were accepted as correct.  Proposed by Jan Crofts and seconded by Sarah Eglinton-Williams. |
|  | **Matters arising:**  There were no matters arising from the last AGM. |
|  | **Chairman’s Report**  “*As the financial year started in April 2021 we were beginning to see Covid 19 lockdown restrictions gradually being lifted as more people became vaccinated. However, full use of the hall by regular groups would not return until September and extra cleaning of frequently used surfaces was still required until February 2022. In hindsight the early 2021 lockdown proved an advantage as the disruption caused by building the front extension was not as great as it might have been.*  *The extension was finally complete by the end of August and we held an Opening Ceremony on 4th September. The ribbon was cut by Councillor Tracey Stock from Central Bedfordshire Council in front of an invited audience of former trustees, supporters and other people associated with the Trust. There was an exhibition of historical documents celebrating the original school built 180 years ago in 1841. The event was also open to the wider public and there were exhibits from all the current regular users of the hall. Now, nine months on, it’s difficult to remember the old entrance and everyone has been very complimentary about the new facilities.*  *Any thoughts of the building sub-committee having a rest were short lived when it was realised that some Section 106 money might be coming our way when new houses are built off Flitwick Road. Although receipt of the money is still probably two years away we need to start the preparatory work now.*  *Over the past few months various external factors, war in Ukraine, Brexit, etc, have led to a sharp rise in running costs especially electricity and gas and consequently most hire charges will be increasing in September.*  *Bicycle racks donated by one village resident were fitted by another and we are, as ever, grateful for all the volunteers who help with maintenance work around the Hall.*  *I mustn’t forget to thank, our warden and her husband, for managing all the hall bookings and keeping the place clean. Finally a big thank you to my fellow trustees who make caring for this valuable asset a pleasure.”*  The Chair was thanked for her hard work during Covid and this last year. |
|  | **Treasurer’s report**  The Treasurer had shared the accounts, prior to the meeting and via the website. Copies were also given to the members of the public in attendance.  The Treasurer explained how the accounts were expressed in the various categories. Significant grant monies had been received to cover most of the building costs. An amount of £5896.74 would be taken from reserves to pay the remainder.  Lettings were slightly down on the previous year. Covid grants had helped. Overall the accounts were in a healthy state.  The accounts were accepted. Proposed: Caroline Luff, Seconded: Sarah Eglinton-Williams. |
| 6. | **Election of three Village Representatives**  In line with the AGM protocol, and until the new Chair is elected at the next Committee meeting, |Jan Crofts led the election of the Village Representatives.  Jill Ellis, Pat Crowe and Sarah Eglinton-Williams were proposed by Caroline Luff and seconded by Andy Rayment. They were elected unanimously. |
| 7. | **Any Other Business:**  The start date of the Big Screen, 9th September was confirmed. After that, films would be screened on the first Friday of each month up until March. Suggestions were made for films to be shown, “Top Gun, Maverick” and the James Bond “No Time to Die”. These would be considered along with others.  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 2023**  The next AGM will be held on Wednesday, 21st June 2023.  The meeting closed 8.00 pm. |