



# Cherhill Village Hall

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## Cherhill Village Hall Annual General Meeting held on 12 April 2018 at 7.30 pm

### Present

Margaret Angell, John Cavanagh, Bob Deacon, David Cracknell (Treasurer), David Evans (Chair), David Grafton, Madeleine Harley, Maggie Moore (Booking Clerk), Julie Sinnick, Jo Taylor (Secretary), Simon Tomlinson, Adrian Wright

Liz Bates, Paul Bryant, Janet Deacon, Celia Grafton, Cindy Manclark, Renny Manclark, Alan Moore, Pamela Pearce, Martin Pearce, Liz Tomlinson

### Apologies

None

### Annual Report

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Annual Report for 2017 can be read in detail online here; <https://tinyurl.com/ydxhuykz> but the salient points are as follows;

- Once again, it has been a very busy year for Cherhill village hall with a variety of groups and individuals using the facilities on a weekly, monthly, annual or ad hoc basis. The free broadband internet connection has been widely used by all.
- The third annual Auction took place in October with proceeds of £600 each going to Dorothy House Hospice and Cherhill Village Hall.
- The Committee have considered the range of risks that may be encountered by those using the hall and consider that most likely risks can be managed with existing policies. The hall is registered and pays an annual license fee to the Performing Rights Society. A premises licence is held to allow the sale of alcohol by groups who need to apply themselves for a Temporary Event License for any event that includes the sale of alcohol to the public.
- The hall is regularly cleaned and maintained. The boiler and fire extinguishers are regularly serviced and regular checks are made to emergency lights. The Parish Council double sided notice board in the car park is widely used to publicise events in the Hall and elsewhere.
- Hire charges – the Trustees reviewed the hall hire charges for regular group bookings but decided not to increase them in 2017 from those set out in 2013. Single bookings were regularised for new users from September. Free use of the hall for St James' Church Cherhill was continued in 2017.

- The Chairman thanked outgoing Trustees Margaret Angel, Madeline Harley and Julie Sinnick for their support as Trustees over the years. Margaret was given an orchid as an additional token of thanks for her long service.
- The Chairman thanked the Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Secretary, Booking Clerk and Deputy Booking Clerk, Simon Tomlinson and John Cavanagh for their continued support over the previous year.
- A brief discussion took place over the need to try and engage with younger residents in the village although it is recognised that people with full-time jobs and families are time constrained.
- There being no further questions the Chairman handed over to the Treasurer for a brief report on finances.

### **Annual Accounts**

The Treasurer ran through the bank accounts and has produced an accounts sheet in a simplified format showing all financial activity at the hall throughout the past year. The accounts sheet can be referred to in detail at the end of the Chairperson's Annual Report on the website.

RM queried the lifespan of the solar panels – it was thought to be 25 years.

AW asked if the panels could be moved to the new village hall site. ST responded that in theory they could but the feed-in tariff could not be moved.

DE confirmed that the village hall does not pay business rates.

### **Election of Accounts independent examiner**

To be determined by the Village Hall committee at a later date. David Evans proposed that we approach Rachel Harries to ask if she is happy to continue in this role.

### **Election of Trustees**

The following Trustees retired at the Annual General Meeting:

Margaret Angell, David Cracknell, Madeline Harley and Julie Sinnick

David Cracknell confirmed that he was willing to remain as a Trustee and Alan Moore stood for election as a new Trustee to fill one of the three vacancies. The Chairman welcomed Alan. This leaves two Trustee vacancies which can be filled by co-option until the following AGM.

Current Trustee's for the following 12 months are;

John Cavanagh, David Cracknell, Bob Deacon, David Evans, David Grafton, Alan Moore, Maggie Moore, Sharon Simmons, Simon Tomlinson and Adrian Wright.

## Hall user groups report on activities

### Oldbury Wednesday Club

Celia Grafton reported that;

- The Oldbury Club currently has 23 members and is run by 4 volunteers. It would not be possible to keep the Club going without the help of the volunteers. Celia thanked them for their time and commitment.
- Lunches are generally supplied by The Black Horse in Cherhill.
- The Club has planned weekly speakers and/or activities.
- Currently, the Club are collecting memories from members for display in a few weeks in Calne, along with a tea party.
- The members look forward to involvement with the village school and are hoping for more involvement once the new Head Teacher is in place.
- The Club is always looking for new members, especially from within the village.
- without whom it wouldn't be possible.

Paul Bryant added'

- Paul echoed Celia's comments and paid tribute to Barbara Raven, the long-standing organiser of the Oldbury Wednesday Club who sadly passed away towards the end of last year. She will be sorely missed.
- Paul thanked Celia for all her hard work and confirmed her Deputy as Julie Sinnick.
- Paul thanked the Co-op Community Fund for their financial support in the past year which has helped the group to remain financially stable. Funding is an on-going problem as it is never certain that Wiltshire Council grant aid will be continually available.
- Paul thanked the Village Hall Trustees for their support.

### Pilates

Liz Tomlinson on behalf of Debbie Downing

- Pilates continues to be a popular group meeting on a Tuesday.
- It is supported by around 12 regulars from inside and outside the village.

### Gardening Club

Pamela Pearce

- Cherhill Gardening Club continues to thrive with meetings taking place on a monthly basis.
- Members come from a wide area - 61 No in total at the moment with 2 new recruits this year.
- The Club welcomes a variety of speakers each month although the first speaker had to cancel due to 'The Beast from the East' !
- The club organises an annual BBQ in July an early summer Plant Sale and the Cherhill Show.
- New members are encouraged and always welcome.

- Regular outings are arranged for members.
- Pamela noted that the hall was warm on arrival at the last meeting and thanked the Trustees for attending to the heating.

## **Yoga**

Liz Bates

- Liz is running 3 classes a week - Monday evenings, Wednesday evenings and Friday mornings. She also runs Chair Yoga at the Oldbury Wednesday Club every 6 weeks.
- Currently, there are approximately 50 people on her books, ages vary from 16-70. Participants come from Cherhill and the surrounding villages and include a small number of men.
- Unfortunately, the heating has not been so successful for Liz. Quite often the hall is cold when she arrives which means that participants end up wearing their coats. When Liz checked recently checked the timer on a Monday, she noted the timer said Saturday. Some participants have said that they were reluctant to turn up to a cold hall.
- The Trustees promised to look into this and rectify it as soon as possible.

## **Women's Institute**

Maggie Moore

- The WI currently has 44 members.
- Meetings take place on a monthly basis.
- There are a variety of members from both within and outside the village.
- Regular outings are arranged for members.
- The WI welcome regular speakers to their meetings.
- The WI continue to provide their very popular 6 monthly Big Breakfasts with the next one due on Sunday 29 April 2018.

## **Wednesday Workout**

Jo Taylor on behalf of Vince Kelly

- Wednesday Workouts are supported on a weekly basis by a small but select band of villagers.
- New members are always welcome.
- The workouts comprise a circuit class lasting approximately 40 mins with a warm up and cool down session either side.
- Vince varies the sessions each week and they are enjoyed by all participants.

## **The Villages Magazine**

Adrian Wright

- Adrian reminded all in attendance to get in touch with him if anyone wants to contribute to the magazine. They are always looking for new copy.

## **Theatre club**

David Grafton

- This year's Panto – May the Farce be With You – proved to be a great success with a large number of actors taking part. The production was well supported by children which is encouraging as we look to the future.
- The possibility of some summer plays is currently being considered but the success of this largely depends upon the availability of the hall. There is a meeting this Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018 if anyone is interested in attending.

## **Art Class**

Simon Tomlinson

- Tuesday morning art classes continue but their numbers have dwindled a bit recently. Currently around 4/5 attendees.
- New art class has started on Friday afternoon which is looking popular.

## **New village hall project update**

Please refer to commentary in Annual report for details, the salient points are noted below;

- Progress remains very slow as the CRTBO (Community Right to Build Order) process is relatively new to Wiltshire Council. They did however comment that they were very impressed with the submitted document. All households in the village have been consulted following the publication of the draft document, with around half of respondents supporting the proposals and half raising concerns or objections.
- It is hoped that we will get to the referendum stage by early 2019.
- AW asked whether there was a 'theme' to the objections. ST confirmed that there was no theme in particular, comments were quite broad ranging.

## **Any other business**

MH noted that the light on the corner of the village hall seems to be on often during the night. She was not concerned from a nuisance point of view but wondered if it could be wasting electricity.

LB noted that the rear fire exit access was often blocked by chairs when she attended for her classes. She suggested that a zone could be marked out on the floor hall to discourage chairs from being stacked there. The Trustees agreed that this would be a good idea and will take this forward.

A discussion took place about the building works in The Street and the damage being caused to verges, bollards etc. It was suggested that this be raised at the next Parish Council meeting on 3 May 2018. Concerned residents to please attend and discuss at this meeting.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked all those in attendance for their time. The meeting ended at approximately 20.45 hrs and all attendees were invited to cheese, wine and refreshments.