

Kilmington Village Hall
AGM on Wednesday 20th April 2022 at 7.30 pm

Welcome

Present

Apologies

Minutes of Combined AGM and Regular Users' meeting on 26th May 2021

Matters arising

Chairman's report

Treasurer's report

Booking secretary's report

Maintenance report

Reports from Regular user groups: Table Tennis, Kilmington Cinema Club, Country Dancing, Sequence Dancing, Kilmington Royal British Legion, Kilmington Gardening Club

Date of AGM for 2023

AOB

Kilmington Village Hall Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 20th April 2022 at 7:30

Present: Judith Chapman (JC) chair; Pauline Horwood (PH) treasurer; Steve Boon (SB) maintenance; Louise Quincy (LQ), bookings secretary; Sally Dare (SD) committee

Edward Martens (EM) Sequence Dancing; John Watts (JW) Kilmington Cinema Club; Jenny Nickolls (JN) Table Tennis Club; Jane Chalk (JC) Gardening Club; Peter Ball (PB) KPC; Jean Falconer (JF) Royal British Legion; Sally Huscroft (SH) KPC; Gill Perkins (GP) Country Dancing; Susan D'Grady (village resident)); Jerry Fisher (village resident).

Apologies: Lee White, Head, Kilmington Primary School.

JC opened the AGM by welcoming everyone and thanking them for coming.

Matters arising from the Minutes of the Combined AGM/Regular Users meeting in 2021

JC stated there are two corrections to the minutes of the Combined AGM and Regular Users meeting on 26th May 2021.

1. Country Dancing was incorrectly referred to as Line Dancing.
2. Under AOB discussion re chairs in the VH had been omitted. JC said she would come back to this later in this meeting.

Chair's Report

JC reported that we have had a number of management committee meetings to re-distribute the jobs of running the hall, combined with making the best of our committee members' skills.

JC advised that we are delighted to have another member to join our Management Committee. SD has been to a number of meetings to meet the committee and find out what is involved. SD was nominated to join the committee by JF and seconded by SH to be an officer and a trustee to Kilmington Village Hall Committee.

JC said the Committee has discussed the village hall chairs and talked informally with a number of village hall users to get their views. We received little critical comment about the chairs except from KCC members. The committee has concluded that we cannot justify replacing the chairs in the current financial situation. In addition to financial issues, the fact is that no one chair will suit everyone and it is a big project to replace the chairs. LQ added we would also have an environmental issue in disposing of the chairs. JW said people have to bring cushions and they find the chairs uncomfortable to sit on. Could we not explore different styles and designs or modify our current chairs? JC responded saying we cannot justify changing the chairs at this present time. JW asked if this topic could not be filed away and forgotten and could we come back and re-visit at some point in the future. JC agreed.

Treasurer's Report

PH handed around copies of accounts 2021 and new hall charges, with effect from 1st May 2022.

PH advised our accounts for 2021 appear to be very healthy due to the £11,700 of Crowdfunding and Gift Aid which passed through our account on behalf of Kilmington Cinema Club which has made a good start. We also received further EDDC grants totalling £8,500 for Covid 19 compensation. We know our expenditure on electricity alone will more than double from 1st July 2022, and other contractors/suppliers will also increase charges despite our efforts to keep our costs under control. After two difficult years since our last review of hire charges we are making a modest increase with effect from 1st May 2022 to help balance our finances for the next year.

100+ Club – PH thanked JF for all her hard work running the 100+ club. We had 225 members at the end of 2021. The available funds are always used to maintain the hall and we are very grateful for everyone's help.

JC thanked PH and commented we are keeping our increases to a minimum; we are not here to make profit but we must cover our costs. The hire charges will be reviewed again in a couple of months. As there were no questions, JC thanked PH for the work she undertakes.

Booking Secretary's report

LQ reported all the weekly regular bookings have now resumed and are running as before Covid 19. One-off bookings are more of a mixed picture. Children's parties have taken off recently. The larger one-off events are slower to resume. Bookings for village based larger one-off/annual events are beginning but there is still some hesitancy. Most enquiries come in over email which LQ thanked everyone for as this is a lot easier. LQ asked if you could ring another member of the committee if anyone had an urgent matter regarding the hall which cannot wait till later in