

**Kilmington Village Hall
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 19th April 2023 at 7.30 pm**

Welcome

Present

Apologies

Minutes of AGM on 20th April 2022 (these can be found on the village website)

Matters arising

Chairman's report

Treasurer's report

Booking secretary's report

Maintenance report

Reports from Regular user groups

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Attended - Committee: Judith Chapman (JC) chair; Pauline Horwood (PH) treasurer; Steve Boon (SB) maintenance; Louise Quincy (LQ), bookings secretary; Sally Dare (SD) committee
Regular User Group representatives: John Watts (JW), Kilmington Cinema Club, Jenny Nickolls (JN), Table Tennis Club, Peter Ball (PB), chair, KPC; Jean Falconer (JF), RBL & Gardening Club, Gill Perkins (GP) and Marie Thorne (MT), Country Dancing.

Apologies – Clive Frankish (CF).

JC opened the AGM by welcoming everyone to the Cudmore Room and thanked everyone for attending the AGM to report on various uses of the hall. JC expressed the hope that we were moving into more positive times, moving on from the covid rules and regulations to the recently installed solar panels and to the Hall committee being able respond to what the village people require from their village hall.

Chair Report.

JC reported that, following our AGM a year ago when PB advised that EDDC was reopening the Community Building Fund, we applied and were successful with our application. Now a year later the solar panels and batteries are installed by Total Renewable Solutions. There has been very positive feedback from the village. The system was designed so more panels can be added when funds allow and if required. The total sum which had to be raised was £22,123.

Initially we needed permission from the KPC as we were changing the structure of the building. KPC invited us to submit an application and offered us a grant of £10,000.00 to incl. VAT. Councillor Chubb donated £500.00. The contribution from the Village Hall (£4,000+£1,000 contingency) was taken from the Treasurer's account for the 100+ Club run by Jean Falconer. To raise the remainder, Gift Aid envelopes were set up and donations of over £5,000.00 were received from village residents on which Gift Aid can be claimed (to be applied for). Our application to the EDDC Community Buildings fund was successful and we received their maximum grant, £5,000.00. We also had several large donations from the residents of the village to use as needed. Around Easter time the dishwasher failed and it was declared not economical to repair so this generosity has meant a new one could be ordered immediately. A new like-for-like replacement will cost around £4,000. We hope this replacement will last as long as the old one which has been in use for around 15 years.

Next year we understand EDDC may offer grants for a variety of projects to reduce carbon, so we might consider applying for a grant to replace the urinals in the gents' toilets to reduce our water usage.

JC thanked the very generous village residents for their donations, PB for drawing our attention to the EDDC Grant Fund, and the support that the Parish Council has given to the hall. JC also thanked Richard Quincey for modelling the hall solar system so the system was not installed over the top.

JC thanked her committee for what they all do. JF proposed a vote of thanks to the committee.

JC reported that we are delighted to have found another member to join our community. CF has been to two VH Management Committee meetings and has agreed to join the committee. Voting will take place at a subsequent meeting.

JC outlined our forward projects plans: wifi into the hall, Gents and possibly Ladies toilets, internal decorating, especially of doors. Also we may have a substantial maintenance cost on the fire alarm due to the panel being worn out.

JC asked representatives to consider and contribute ideas about priorities for the future developments in the hall.

LQ and PB thanked JC for all her hard work on the solar panels.

ACTION: JC to claim Gift aid from donations

Treasurers Report

PH handed around copies of accounts 2022, recently examined by John Mellows. PH advised in our accounts for 2022 we received our last Covid 19 grant of £2,667.00 along with various other donations of £1,251.21. Kilmington Community Cinema Club made a very welcome donation of £1,958. PH thanked JW's team for their sterling efforts and donation. PH reported that our greatest increased cost has been electricity. Our electric prices are fixed until 1st July

2024. We will look forward to seeing what benefits the solar panels and batteries make towards our electric costs. PH advised we are monitoring our hall charges regularly. Following the increases on 1st Jan 2023 these have helped keep our books balanced.

100+ Club – PH thanked JF for all her hard work running the 100+ club. We had 220 members at the end of 2022. The available funds are used to maintain the hall and improve facilities and we are very grateful for everyone's help. This fund enabled us to proceed with the solar installation and is where the £5,000.00 deposit came from.

JC thanked PH and reminded everyone we aim to keep 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.

ACTION: PH to monitor costs and hire fees.

Booking Secretary's report

LQ reported all the weekly regular bookings have now resumed and running as before Covid 19. Our bookings are slowly picking up. Most weekends we have something on in the hall but we are not quite back to pre-covid bookings. LQ thanked all the hall users for their booking.

JC thanked LQ.

Maintenance report

SB reported all general maintenance is up-to-date at present. Wi-Fi – SB has spoken to Jurassic Fibre and has been advised this is now not going to be available until 2024-5. After speaking to BT Business, now they have found the village hall on their system, they offer a plan to pay £27.99 per month plus VAT for 57 m/b second. On 24/4/23 BT are coming in to install our Wi-Fi. We have a two-year contract with BT. Once we have Wi-Fi, we will be able to connect and monitor our solar panels. SB reported our annual general maintenance is planned in August as normal to include the painting. Generally, the hall is in a good state at the moment. No questions were raised.

JC thanked SB and reported SB and CF will meet to discuss a sharing of responsibilities such as the fire alarm system and obtaining quotes for various projects for the hall and fund raising.

SD report

SD advised that we have lost some of our storage for cleaning items through the solar panel electrics. The Gardening Club are going to sort items they have stored in the hall and it is hoped this will give us some extra storage. SD advised an order of supplies needs to be submitted. SD and JC will aim to sort new arrangements for storage.

ACTION SD to order stocks.

User Groups

JC asked the regular user groups for their reports and if they had any issues they wish to raise.

JW advised the Cinema Club is going very well and said he may do a second matinee as he had to turn down a number of people on last showing. The matinee cream teas are very popular and JN was thanked for her excellent scones. He asked about the different sizes of the glasses in the kitchen. We advised we would take a look.

ACTION: VH Committee

JN has no issues or comments. Suggested there is unused storage space under the stairs near the table tennis tables.

JP no comments.

JF – Gardening Club no issues. Royal British Legion have a coffee morning and a Trafalgar Night coming up. JF reported 100+ Club is going well. JF asked if we could add something so the tables under the stage stay in place.

PB KPC – had no comments all going well and great to have the EDDC grant support. Stated the Annual Parish meeting is on 15th May 2023. He hopes it will be possible to return to how it used to be run with each group in the parish represented at the meeting and advising what they would like to happen going forward.

LQ – Kilmington Players advised they have cleared under the stage and advised the stage floor needs a polish.

All other hall users had nothing to report.

Any other business

JP advised that the membership of the Country Dancing Club has gone down and questioned why the group pays more for hall hire compared to other clubs in the village. It was agreed the hall hire charge would be £12.00 going forward. If numbers increase then this can be reviewed. JP thanked the Hall committee.

JN asked if we are running an Annual Spring Deep Clean in the hall this year. Need to pull everything out and clean behind.

ACTION: VH Committee to discuss.

JN asked what colour we are going to paint the doors in the hall. It was agreed we should visit Whitford Village Hall which has been renovated recently as JN reported it is very light and bright. This was agreed.

ACTION: VH Committee and JN

AGM Wednesday 17th April 2024 (Easter Sunday 2024 31st March)

JC thanked everyone for coming and their continued support.

Meeting closed at 8:35.