

Defford Cum Besford Village Hall Committee

Annual General Meeting Held on 4-October 2017 18:30 at the Village Hall

There were 20 parishioners present
Apologies received from Terry Andrews and Angie Graham
Tony Kent was in the chair

1 Welcome & Registration

2 Chairman's Report

It has been a successful year, bookings have been maintained and two fundraising events have been held – thanks to all of the organisers, both Trustees and Parishioners.

A number of projects were completed last year, including redecorating the hall inside and out, replaced the window blinds, broken slabs on the path replaced, faulty solar light on path replaced with new lights connected to the mains electrify, faulty speakers replaced, all electrics checked to comply with Insurance requirements.

This coming year the trustees are considering resurfacing the drive, (dependant on the new planning application) consider options for replacement of the floor.

Copies of the current site plan for the proposed development of the Glebe land was available at the AGM, This plan is likely to be submitted November/December and the area behind the hall has been labelled as 'green infrastructure'. It may be possible for the village hall trust to lease this land for a peppercorn rent.

The chairman thanked the trustees and members of the Parish for the time and commitment to allow the hall to continue to be successful.

3 Treasurers Report

Regular hire was £8,560
Casual hire was £2,028
Fund raising at £1,488
Total receipts were £12,348

Total Payment of £11,526

This gave an overall surplus of £817
Closing bank balance of £10,501
Current Bank Balance £11,088

Balance sheet

We apply depreciation on the hall of 1% and equipment etc of 5%,
Our closing charity funding / assets are £258, £866.

To summarise, 2016/17 was a successful year, during which we actioned further improvements whilst maintaining our overall hire receipts, and generating a surplus of £817. Budget surplus was £2,390, which excluded decorating the hall £2,676

4. Changes to the Village Hall Charging Policy

The trustees are currently considering changes to the charging policy that would remove the 15minutes set up and clear down times currently allowed to users. This change would bring Defford Village hall in line with other halls in the area, that do not allow a setup/cleardown down, but Defford Hall would remain competitively priced and in most cases cheaper than other comparable halls.

The changes had been circulated to regular users prior to the meeting and feedback had been received from a number of user, at the meeting the chairman asked for feedback from the floor on the changes.

Hazel Wakefield from Spring Bank Quilters noted that they were generally acceptable of the changes but this may cause some problems, particularly when they have visitors that may be coming from a long way. If they over run they would like the option to retrospectively book this time.

David Wakefield spoke on behalf of the Eckington Bridge Club. The changes will cause the EBC some problems, due to mobility problems of some of their members they need to be able to get access to the hall early to allow every time to get to the tables ready to start on time. The EBC do not support the changes and see no need for the changes

Karen Harris-Wakenshaw from K-fit said that although Birlingham hall charges a set-up fee, she has never paid it. The changes to the charges will add extra cost to her group and as this is a business, will affect her income. If she loses out it may become uneconomical for her at Defford and she may need to move to Birlingham hall, losing a club for the village

Tori Richardson from ZSK, agreed with Karen about the charges at Birlingham and the affect this would have on costs of running her group

All were thanked for the feedback, trustees will discuss further at the Village Hall Trust meeting following the AGM

5. Questions from the floor

Tori Richardson asked what was happening with the balcony area. An secure area has been created by installing a partition for Village Hall use only, Tori asked if would be possible to put some lockable storage in place for regular users. It was agreed that the Village Hall Trust would look into this.

Tori Richardson asked what was happening with the floor as a number of areas are damaged and showing signs of wear. The chairman said agreed that the floor has deteriorated and may need replacing in the next 12-18 months. The trustees are looking at replacing the floor with a more long-term solution with flooring from Karndean and a 6mm veneer being investigated.

Record of Organisations Appointments

Parochial Church Council	No notification
Defford Bowling Club	David Yendole
Defford Garden Club	No notification
Friends of Defford First School	Steve Ide

Defford Pathfinders	No notification
Eckington Bridge Club	David Wakefield
Parish Council	No notification
Hummingbirds	No notification

Elected Members	Proposed	Seconded
Tony Kent	Steve Ide	David Yendole
Tori Richardson	David Wakefield	Steve Ide
Mike Sparrow	Tony Kent	Steve Ide

4 Any Other Business

Trudi Bernard and Mandy Mullinger indicated that they wish to step down from the Village Hall Trust, thanks to them for all of their many years of hard work fundraising for the hall
Steve Garner also indicated that he would like to step down from the trust, again, thanks were expressed for his work at the hall

Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 25th May 19:30

Meeting closed at 19:05