

SOUTH HEIGHTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 11 May 2015 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Present: Roger Clayton (Bonfire Society representative), Clare Dickins (Treasurer, acted as Chairman), Jerry Drury (Co-opted Committee member), Geoff Knight (Co-opted Committee member), Andrew Melling (Committee member), Tessa Pickstock (Committee member), Sophy Thorpe (Secretary).
1 member of the public was also present.

Apologies for absence: Marie Helyar (WI representative), John Johnson (Chairman).

Minutes of last meeting Minutes of the last meeting on 12 May 2014 were available to read. These were agreed and signed as a true record.

Chairman's report, incl. finance Copies of the Balance Sheet and Income/Expenditure for the year 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 were available to read.

Welcome to everyone

The Acting Chairman started the meeting by discussing some of the key events last year regarding the Village Hall and around the village in general.

July 2014 – Village Fete

The weather was kind to us again this year so we were able to hold the fete on the field. We had various individual stalls as well as the usual raffle, tombola, bar, BBQ, coconuts etc with children's dancing, martial arts and dog agility displays in the arena.

Overall it was an enjoyable afternoon for all those attending and taking part and raised around £550 for the village hall.

November 2014 - Bonfire Night

The weather was against us this year and the heavens opened just as the evening began. We had various societies join us for the procession which proved to be a great crowd pleaser with many fantastic costumes. This year we had music from Pentacle drummers and Earthquake drummers.

Our tableau this year marked 100 years since the start of WWI.

We made a profit throughout the whole season of around £2000 which was down nearly £2000 on last year. This was largely due to the take on the gates being down because of the foul weather. A large chunk of the bonfire profit was down to the fund raising done throughout the year and so I would like to thank all those who give up their weekends to take the bonfire games to various fetes to raise money and who help with our jumble sales. I would also like to thank Roger Clayton (as the chairman of the society), the Police, Fire Brigade, St Johns Ambulance, NGP Events and Mick and Sophy who man the gates each year and organise a team of volunteers to help.

December 2014 Father Christmas

Due to limited success in the previous year we decided to set up a grotto in the village hall this year where children could visit Father Christmas and receive a small gift. We then offered adults and children alike free refreshments. It was well received and people actually stayed around to enjoy the mulled wine and atmosphere and seemed very happy with the new arrangement.

Bingo

This year the bingo took a profit of around £700 which was up slightly on last year. Numbers of people attending this year has been up and down. This is a popular monthly event and has many regulars who have been coming for years and who thoroughly enjoy it – the committee is keen to make sure it continues for as long as possible.

Hire of Hall

This made over £3000 this year which is up around £400 on last year. Hiring has been going from strength to strength in recent years, which is really encouraging for the committee who have been trying to keep the hall as well maintained as possible. Long may it continue!

Historic Village Walk

Ian Everest kindly offered to run a historic walk through the village in October for which the village hall sold tickets and provided homemade cream teas. This proved very popular with all available tickets sold and raised a healthy £85 for the village hall. I would like to thank Ian for his continued support of the village hall.

The committee works hard to keep the hall running as it is an important part of our community, and we are hopeful for another successful year.

My thanks go to;

- **The Parish Council** for use of the field
- **My fellow officers**, for their dedication; Sophy Thorpe as secretary, Clare Dickins as treasurer and committee members Roger Scarles, Roger Clayton, Jerry Drury, Mel and Tessa Pickstock and to all your families for their support.
- **Sue Crosthwaite and Marie Helyar**, for representing the Parish Council and WI. Sue has recently left the Parish Council and so will sadly no longer be our representative. She has been a member for many years and will be sorely missed by us all so we would like to pass on special thanks to her for all her support in the past and we very much hope she will continue to help with some of the village hall events in the future.
- **All the numerous people** who have helped us at various events through the year.

Open questions

There were no questions raised from the floor.

Election of committee

The Acting Chairman asked if the present Committee members were prepared to stand again and all agreed. Roger Clayton proposed the re-election of the Committee and this was seconded by Sue Crosthwaite, who attended the AGM as a member of the public.

Other

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.