

SOUTH HEIGHTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 16 May 2016 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Present: Roger Clayton (Bonfire Society representative), Clare Dickins (Treasurer), Jerry Drury (Co-opted Committee member), John Johnson (Chairman), Andrew Melling (Committee member), Tessa Pickstock (Committee member), Roger Scarles (Committee member), Sophy Thorpe (Secretary), Diane Tinkl (WI representative).
1 member of the public was also present.

Apologies for absence: Gerry Hazell (Parish Council representative), Geoff Knight (Co-opted Committee member).

Minutes of last meeting Minutes of the last meeting on 11 May 2015 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 2015 to 31 March 2016 were available to read.

Welcome to everyone

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

July 2015 – 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 £700 for the village hall.

November 2015 - Bonfire Night

The weather was perfect this year and the evening ran smoothly. We had various societies join us for the procession which the crowd enjoyed and as usual we had music from Pentacle drummers and Earthquake drummers. We made a profit throughout the whole season of around £4400 which was up over £2000 on the previous year due to the appalling weather in 2014. As always a large proportion of the bonfire profit is due to 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, NGP Events and Mick and Sophy who man the gates each year and organise a team of volunteers to help.

December 2015 - Father Christmas

Following the success of setting up the grotto in the village hall last year we decided to continue this in 2015. Around 40 children came to visit Father Christmas and each received a small gift. We offered adults and children alike free refreshments. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all those that attended and the feedback was very positive.

Bingo

This year the bingo took a profit of around £700 which was pretty much the same as last year. Numbers of people attending has been varied again this year. It is still enjoyed by

those that have been coming for years but we have seen a number of new faces this year which is encouraging.

Hire of Hall

Hire of the hall continues to go from strength to strength and made around £3500 this year, up by £500 on last year. The committee continues to keep the hall in good in order and is looking to update the kitchen in the coming year.

Beetle Drive

This year the committee decided to hold a Beetle Drive for the first time. The first one was very popular and raised over £150 for the hall and was thoroughly enjoyed by all those that came. The second one was not quite so well attended but we are planning on holding another one this year so will advertise well and keep our fingers crossed for a record attendance!

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 and I would like to welcome Gerry Hazell as the new PC representative on the committee.
- **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.
- **Marie Helyar and Diane Tinkl**, for representing the WI. Marie was the WI representative for many years but sadly retired this year. However we would like welcome Diane who has joined the committee as the new representative.
- **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 Chairman had announced at the general committee meeting held just before the AGM that he would be resigning from the Committee after this AGM. His dedication and hard work over the many years he has worked with the committee is very much appreciated.

The Chairman asked if the other 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.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.