

# **SOUTH HEIGHTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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## **Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 14 May 2018 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall**

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Present: Roger Clayton (Bonfire Society representative), Clare Dickins (Treasurer), Jerry Drury (Co-opted Committee member), Gerry Hazell (Parish Council representative), Geoff Knight (Committee member), Tessa Pickstock (Chair), Roger Scarles (Committee member), Sophy Thorpe (Secretary), Diane Tinkl (WI representative).  
2 members of the public were also present.

Apologies for absence: Sue Crosthwaite (Co-opted Committee member).

Minutes of last meeting Minutes of the last meeting on 15 May 2017 were available to read. These were agreed and signed as a true record.

Chairman's report, incl. finance

### **July 2017 – Village Fete**

*The weather was kind and the fete was well attended in 2017. We had the usual stalls (raffle, tombola, bar, BBQ, coconuts etc) with children's dancing, martial arts and dog agility displays in the arena and music from Earthquake drummers.*

*It was an enjoyable afternoon for everyone and raised over £1200 for the village hall which was our best profit for many years. Thank you to everyone who helped – we couldn't do it without your support.*

### **November 2017 - Bonfire Night**

*The weather was generally good to us over the course of the weekend making set up and clear up easier. Various societies joined us for the procession and as usual we had music from Pentacle and Earthquake drummers. We made a profit throughout the whole season of over £4300 which was around £3000 better than the previous year which had been a very wet one.*

*A substantial proportion of the bonfire profit is due to fund raising done throughout the year (the jumble sales alone made over £1300) and as usual we would like to give our thanks to 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), Mick and Sophy who man the gates each year and organise a team of volunteers to help and to everyone else who helps on the day.*

*We started fundraising for the 2018 bonfire in December and so far have raised nearly £1000 by holding various quizzes at the Hampden, a jumble sale in March and a very kind donation of over £200 by Tarina Breeds following a fundraising quiz she ran at the village hall.*

### **December 2017 Father Christmas**

*Father Xmas was in his grotto at the hall again last December and many local children came to visit him. Each received a small gift and we gave out free refreshments. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all those that attended, and the feedback was very positive. This event is completely funded by the Village Hall and it is great feeling for the committee to be able to give something back to the community.*

### **Bingo**

*This year the bingo took a profit of around £500 which was considerably down on last year. Numbers of people attending have tended to drop slightly this year and a couple of times the weather has been bad enough to put people off but we do have a core number of*

regulars who come unfailingly every month. It is thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attend who look forward to it each month.

### **Hire of Hall**

The hall continues to be regularly booked by various groups and individuals and made £3100 this year. The committee tries to keep the hall in good in order; we are currently trying to source funding to replace the kitchen as it is beginning to look very tired. Unfortunately, we were turned down by Sussex Communities Foundation but are now looking at other avenues.

My thanks go to;

- **My fellow officers**, for their dedication; Sophy Thorpe as secretary, Clare Dickins as treasurer and committee members Roger Scarles, Jerry Drury, JJ, Geoff Knight, Sue Crosthwaite, Mel and to all your families for their support.
- **Diane Tinkl** for representing the WI.
- **The Hampden Arms** as our bonfire HQ and for their continued support with fundraising events.
- **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 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 Diane Tinkl.

Tessa Pickstock to remain as Chair (proposer ST, seconder CD)  
Sophy Thorpe to remain as Secretary (proposer TP, seconder RS)  
Clare Dickins to remain as Treasurer (proposer GH, seconder RC)

### **In summary:**

6 full committee members: Clare Dickins, Geoff Knight, Andrew Melling, Tessa Pickstock, Roger Scarles, Sophy Thorpe  
2 co-opted members: Sue Crosthwaite, Jerry Drury  
3 representative members: South Heighton WI: Diane Tinkl; South Heighton Bonfire Society: Roger Clayton; South Heighton Parish Council: Gerry Hazell

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.