

SOUTH HEIGHTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 13 May 2019 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

- Present: Sue Crosthwaite (Co-opted Committee member), Clare Dickins (Treasurer), Jerry Drury (Co-opted Committee member), John Johnson (Committee member), Gerry Hazell (Parish Council representative), Geoff Knight (Committee member), Carly Norris (Co-Opted Committee member), Tessa Pickstock (Chair), Roger Scarles (Committee member), Sophy Thorpe (Secretary).
1 member of the public was also present.
- Apologies for absence: Diane Tinkl (WI representative).
- Minutes of last meeting Minutes of the last meeting on 14 May 2018 were available to read. These were agreed as a true record.
- Finance The Village Hall Committee's 2018-2019 balance sheet and statement of accounts were available to read.
- Chairman's report
- July 2018 – Village Fete***
The village fete was held in July and the weather was kind to us. It was well attended, and we had the usual stalls as in the raffle, tombola, bar, BBQ, coconut shy etc. We also had children's dancing, martial arts and the dog agility displays in the arena along with the Earthquake drummers.
It was a hot, enjoyable afternoon and we raised approximately £600, which was down on the previous year because people were leaving early to watch the football - although some of the stallholders and others stayed behind to watch it in the comfort of the marquee. I would like to thank everyone that helped (including Tim and Norah who provided the TV) – we couldn't do it without you.
- November 2018 – South Heighton Bonfire Night***
The weather during the set up was changeable, but due to the forecast of heavy winds and rain due in later that day, the decision was made not to have a bonfire.
As the procession started off from the Flying Fish the heavens opened, and the rain came down in torrents. This put off many spectators, but the brave bonfire boys and girls continued the procession to the field for the fireworks. The drummers drummed and the rain still came down. Thank you to the Pentacle and Earthquake drummers.
The Hampden tried to dry the societies off on the outside while making them wet on the inside, whilst Captain's Beard entertained.
Our profit for 2018 wasn't good, in fact we lost over £700 – as the weather was especially bad on Bonfire Night. Let's hope that this year is more successful!
My thanks go to Mick and Sophy for organising the gates and coordinating the volunteers. To Roger Clayton our illustrious leader, but a super special thanks to those volunteers who "manned the gates" at the bonfire, they were very brave.
A substantial proportion of any bonfire profit is due to the fund raising that goes on throughout the year. Jumble sales, fetes, quizzes, profit from race nights and any other donations contribute to our profit. Thank you to those who sort jumble and man the tables and attend the quizzes.
- December 2018 Father Christmas***
Father Christmas was in his grotto at the hall again last December and local children came to visit him. Once again, the weather was against us and the event wasn't as well

attended, but those who did attend enjoyed themselves. The event is completely funded by the Village Hall and it is a great feeling for the committee to be able to give something back to the community. Thanks again to those who helped.

Bingo

This year the bingo made a small profit of £750 which was up on last year – this was good considering we didn't run bingo in March of this year due to the kitchen being refurbished. The number of players must be growing again. Everyone enjoys it. Thank you to Sophy, Clare, JJ, Sue and Teresa and anyone else who helps to run this monthly event.

Hire of Hall

The hall continues to be regularly used by various groups and individuals. This year the profit was just short of £4000 which was up on last year. We did put up our charges this year, but our hiring fees are still relatively inexpensive.

This year we are really pleased with ourselves. We received funding of £950 from Veolia and £343.80 from Howdens which went towards our otherwise self-funded kitchen refurbishment. This wonderful job cost us just short of £5000 and was beautifully built by Paul Dickins with a little help from JJ. I must thank Jerry Drury for providing and fitting the new kitchen floor, Mick Thorpe for the tiles and the tiling, good job done by all. Another thanks to JJ for removing the Ivy from the front wall and later repairing it. I know it was hard work.

I cannot finish without thanking a few more people; My thanks go to the following; My fellow officers, for their dedication and work: Sophy Thorpe as secretary, Clare Dickins as treasurer and my other committee members, Roger Scarles, Jerry Drury, JJ, Geoff Knight, Sue Crosthwaite and Carly Norris and all their families for their continued support.

To Diane Tinkl for representing the WI

To Gerry Hazel for representing the Parish Council

To Roger Clayton for representing the Bonfire Society

To the Hampden Arms as our Bonfire HQ and for their continued support with fundraising events.

My thanks too go South Heighton Parish Council, for your continued assistance with our bonfire and fete, and for the relevant permissions for use of the field. Also for the improved relations between us, which enables us to work better together in the future. And finally, to the numerous people who have helped man stalls, sort jumble and many other things that go on behind the scenes.

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.

Tessa Pickstock to remain as Chair (proposer CD, seconder JJ)

Sophy Thorpe to remain as Secretary (proposer GK, seconder TP)

Clare Dickins to remain as Treasurer (proposer ST, seconder RS)

Roger Scarles to remain as Committee member (proposer JJ, seconder CD)

Geoff Knight to remain as Committee member (proposer RS, seconder ST)

John Johnson to remain as Committee member (proposer CD, seconder TP)

In summary:

6 full committee members: Clare Dickins, John Johnson, Geoff Knight, Tessa Pickstock, Roger Scarles, Sophy Thorpe

3 co-opted members: Sue Crosthwaite, Jerry Drury, Carly Norris

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.