

# **SOUTH HEIGHTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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## **Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 23 May 2022 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall**

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- 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), Carly Norris (Co-Opted Committee member), Tessa Pickstock (Chair), Sophy Thorpe (Secretary).
- Apologies for absence: Geoff Knight (Committee member).
- Minutes of last meeting: Minutes of the last meeting on 13 May 2019 were available to read. These were agreed as a true record. 2020/2021 AGMs were not held due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Finance: The Village Hall Committee's 2021-2022 balance sheet and statement of accounts were available to read.
- Chair's report: *We did not hold an AGM in May 2020 or May 2021 as, due to the pandemic, the hall was closed from March 2020 to July 2021, so these notes refer to the last 3 years.*

### Village Fete

#### **2019**

*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, coconuts 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 £950; this was up on the previous year despite people leaving early to watch the football. Some of the stallholders and helpers stayed behind to watch it in the comfort of the marquee. I would like to thank everyone that helped – we couldn't do it without you.*

#### **2020 & 2021**

*Due to the pandemic we did not hold a village fete in either 2020 or 2021.*

### South Heighton Bonfire Night

#### **2019**

*2019 was a successful year for bonfire with over £4800 profit being raised overall. We took over £2900 in membership fees and badge sales. Jumble sales and quizzes combined made a profit of over £1000.*

*The night itself was enjoyable and the weather was kinder than it had been the previous year, and approximately 650 people attended the fire site to watch the fireworks. My thanks go to Mick and Sophy for organising the gates and coordinating the volunteers and to everyone else for all they do.*

*We held our first Bonfire Dinner Dance in March 2020 which was hugely enjoyed by all who attended. A special thank you to Sarah Lowton and Tricia Gostock for organising this.*

#### **2020**

*Due to the pandemic we did not hold any bonfire celebrations in 2020 but many members still re-joined in 2020 to support the society, and we raised over £1200 in membership.*

*Also a couple of our members rallied round and used lockdown productively to raise funds for the society. Jane Harris made face masks and raised a staggering £700 and Kate McDonald held a bonfire gnome raffle and raised £150.*

## **2021**

Again we did not hold our usual celebrations due to Covid - however, again this year our members still re-joined and we raised approx. £1900 in membership. We attended a few out meetings which was a welcome relief after a year with no bonfire activity.

We had a jumble sale in October 2021 and raised approx. £400 plus another £400 was raised from the sale of donated costume items etc. A huge thank you to Karen Hardy who tirelessly lists these items on Ebay/Facebook etc. and a special thank you to JJ who collects a lot of the jumble without which we wouldn't be able to hold a jumble sale.

Another member, Florence West, made and sold cake stands for the society and raised a fantastic £250.

On 13 November we held a special celebration at the Hampden to mark what would have been 'our night'. Captain's Beard entertained with their usual mix of sea shanties and folk music, and we marked the occasion with fireworks in the garden. A great night which was enjoyed by all.

Finally, a huge thank you for everything he has done and a fond farewell to Roger Clayton, the chairman of the Bonfire for many years but who stepped down in 2021. Welcome to Glenn Vardy, our new bonfire chairman - I wish you every success.

### Bingo

#### **2019/2020/2021**

In 2019 the bingo made around £550 profit. We did not hold bingo in 2020 due to the pandemic.

We restarted the bingo in September 2021, much to the delight of our regular attendees. It continues to be a popular monthly event in the village, and we have recently seen a few new people attend. By the end of the financial year we had raised £350 which is a fantastic achievement considering the hall was closed for half the year!

Thank you to Sophy, Clare, JJ, Sue and Teresa and everyone else who helps to run this monthly event.

### Hire of Hall

#### **2019/2020/2021**

The hall continues to be regularly used by various groups and individuals. 2019 saw a profit of £3400, due to the hall closure 2020 raised only £175, and in 2021 the profit was £2200 (not bad considering we were closed for 6 months of it!).

### December 2019 Father Christmas

Father Christmas was in his grotto at the hall again in December 2019 and local children came to visit him. 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.

*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, Norah Bessant, Carly Norris, Glenn Vardy and all their families for their continued support.*

*To Diane Tinkl for representing the WI.*

*To Gerri Hazel for representing the Parish Council.*

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

*My thanks also go to South Heighton Parish Council for the relevant permissions for use of the field.*

*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 Chair asked if the present Committee members were prepared to stand again and all agreed.

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

Sophy Thorpe to remain as Secretary (proposer CD, seconder NB)

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

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

Geoff Knight to remain as Committee member (proposer TP, 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: Norah Bessant, Sue Crosthwaite, Jerry Drury, Carly Norris

3 representative members: South Heighton WI: Diane Tinkl; South Heighton Bonfire Society: Glenn Vardy; South Heighton Parish Council: Gerry Hazell

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.