



## Minutes of AGM held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015

### PRESENT

#### Committee:

Karl Jenkins (KJ) – Chairman  
Amy Hayward-Paine (AHP) - Secretary  
Carolyn Frostwick (CF) – Treasurer  
Bill Barrie (BB) – Bookings Clerk  
Jane Bolter (JB) – Pre-School representative  
Tim Gidley-Wright (TGW) – PC representative

#### Public:

Tom and Ann Price  
Rebekah Budenberg  
Dave Tyler  
Jenny Sandars

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Georgina Hardman-Ward (GHW)

KJ to speak to Joy Brankin-Frisby to see whether she can attend future meetings

### 2. Minutes of AGM 14.04.14

Approved by CF and seconded by JB

### 3. Chairman's Report

2104/15 has been a year that has seen Medbourne Village Hall invest mostly in the envelope of the building, now creating a water tight structure, with the installation of a disabled ramp last year. Some grants were obtained to help in this matter. There were two grants/donations made by the J R Corah Foundation and the R Daphne Blunkett Foundation.

#### Works now completed:

Access ramp to Grounds  
Roofing repair  
Gutter repair and maintenance  
Wall repairs  
Internal porch door repair  
Patio repair  
Patio drainage run off drain  
Compost heap removal  
Fencing removal  
Cherry tree removal  
Christmas tree  
Christmas lighting electrics  
Vehicle access gate ground repair

The Village Hall has found fund raising difficult this last year with some event dates have clashed with the Sports Club and other facilities locally.

Income from Medbourne Pre-School is under threat from its likely relocation to Bringhurst although no formal date has yet been given for this move.

Various new events have been launched this year, which the committee hope will grow and become important annual events. These include the "Antiques Roadshow", "Meet the Neighbours", the Christmas tree lighting evening and children's film nights.

The Bookings for the village hall have also not been without their challenges this year, as the old system has proved to be difficult to manage and as a result the VH committee has invested in a new software based system. Georgina Hardman Ward is currently on leave and Bill Barrie has kindly stepped up to run the new system.

The Village Hall played host to a very successful and well-attended commemoration service for the centenary of the beginning of the Great War, with both visual and moving films and facts, collated with the super efforts of Keith Sanders and David Tuffs.

The committee is saying a goodbye to the caretaker of the hall, Mick Garfield this year, as well as Ian Stevens as a volunteer grounds man, whilst they welcome new help from Joy Brankin-Frisby, and Bill Barrie who is in charge of all hall bookings. Thanks are due to all of those who have helped and continue to help with the running of the hall over the last year.

We also have Mark Paine to thank for stepping up in the short term to help with the caretaking and grass cutting while we actively try look for a new volunteer to help with the grass cutting and the post of caretaker.

This year we hope to role out the plans for an extension of which after the VH committee has agreed can then progress to gaining agreement from the trustees.

Projects going forward:

Repair apex tile ASAP

Prices are being collected for:

Shot blasting the main hall walls

Window frames

Trusses

Removing existing ceiling

Removing existing lighting

Re glazing

Lime washing walls colour tbc

New lighting

Insulate and plaster cut roof

New power outlets

Next formulate plan for new rear extension:

historical room at rear

Toilets

Storage

Formulate plan for new side extension

New glass porch

New kitchen and defining new kitchen area and servings.

The front boundary to be relocated to the other side of the porch, therefore framing the village hall main entrance for events. Meeting date to be agreed with MFST.

While we will endeavour to achieve the above we are mindful that the grant system requires a lot of time and effort to be obtained and we are now actively working to create a grant group for the village hall to help with this process.

We are also looking to create a new group to push on with the events for the VH. Anyone in the village who feels they have some time can contact me or any of the VH committee to give help to keep this building and give it a progressive future.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year to 31 March 2015. The accounts show a deficit for the year of £359.65 although the interest on the investment account has not been added – the information has not been received. It is expected that this will be in the region of £300 so we will almost break even this year.

The deficit has arisen for a number of reasons.

Bookings have been down based on the previous year with income being reduced by over £1000.

Gas and electricity bills appear much higher due to a change in suppliers resulting in monthly bills rather than quarterly - the final two quarters under the old contract fell into the current year. So the bills reflect 16 months of power this year.

Maintenance bills have been higher due to roof repairs, drainage repairs and work in the grounds to trees and planting.

The Committee would like to thank Mark Kempe of the Nevill Arms and Matt Oliver of Pendimo for their generous sponsorship of the Christmas Tree and lights and also The J Corah Foundation and the R Daphne Plunket Settlement for donations towards the costs of the disabled ramp and planting of the raised bed.

#### **4. Election of Officers**

All committee members re-stood, and all were approved by the other committee members  
As PC representative, TGW will remain unless roles on the PC change

#### **5. Election of Chairman**

KJ re-stood as Chairman and was approved by the committee

#### **6. AOB**

No AOB

#### **7. Date of next committee meeting**

April 2016