



Minutes of Annual General Meeting 19th July 2021

Attended by: Committee members: Alex Pryor (Chairman), Marion Ball, John Grogan, Chris Knightley, Jan Knightley, John Rigarsford, Chris Wilks (for the later part of the meeting).

Apologies: Jill Green and Sarah Williams, both given in advance.

1. Committee's Report – this was distributed to everyone present

The Committee for the past year comprised 11 members initially but this reduced to 9 when John Cunnington and Jane Flanagan resigned owing to their leaving Tansley. The chairman was Alex Pryor.

We thank John and Jane for the valuable help and support they gave during their long service on the committee.

Owing to the lockdowns and other restrictions that the government imposed on village halls to help to prevent the spread of Covid-19, the Hall had to close from 17th March to 3rd July 2020 (1st closure) and again from 4th November 2020 until 11th April (2nd closure). During this time, we lost around £10,000 in potential hiring income compared to recent 'normal' years. We actually lost around £180 per month on unavoidable fixed charges e.g. insurance and fuel, water and rainwater drainage services. To offset some of the absent income and the fixed loss, we applied for and received some of the Local Restrictions Support Grants (LRSGs) offered by Derbyshire Dales District Council. We declined applying for further grants that we did not need.

We reopened from 16th July 2020 to 4th November (after the 1st enforced closure) to customers running organised groups. Only lace-making, Zumba, yoga and Tansley Film felt able to return, enduring social distancing and face-coverings. After the 2nd enforced closure from 5th November 2020 to 12th April 2021, the weekly children's cookery class restarted on 23rd April with a new instructor, Katie James. The Hall was used as a polling station on 6th May. Zumba resumed on 19th May, followed by lace-making on 3rd June and yoga with Sharon Price on 8th June. Sallie Bartlett commenced a 6-week sewing class on 1st July. We expect the dancing class to resume in late July or early August and Tansley Ladies Group, Tansley Film and the Garden and Countryside Club to return in September. We plan to stage music events sourced from Live and Local in October 2021 and March 2022. We do not intend to allow private parties and receptions to resume until restrictions have been withdrawn as we are unable to ensure that they are followed, leaving us liable to heavy fines.

While avoiding unnecessary spending, we had to install expensive, mandatory Residual Current Detecting (RCD) circuit breakers at our distribution board beside the stage, as a consequence of our 5 yearly electrical system checks carried out in February 2021 by Swift Electrical Services. We were also disappointed to discover a leak in the main hall's roof owing to slippage of a sheet of lead in one of its four valleys close to the skylight. This appears to be owing to a failure in installation 10 years ago. As the original installer is unavailable, we are paying another roofer to rectify the fault.

We continue to promote the Hall online through its web site and a Facebook page. We thank everyone for their custom and support, enabling us to provide a flexible and attractive venue for a broad range of purposes and events.

We wish the new Committee success in the coming year.

2. Treasurer's report

The statement of accounts is for the Hall's financial year ending 31st May 2021.

The revenue account holds £28,937. This is an increase of 17% compared with last year. There is a surplus of receipts over payments of £4,242 owing to our receiving £7,573 in Business Support Grants. This compensated us for some lost income and essential expenditure during Covid restrictions and closure.

The insurance premium of £1,332 increased by 7% compared with last year.

Substantial funds are needed to cover unplanned expenditure, such as repairs, planned expenditure, such as maintenance and improvements, and changing the energy source for heating and cooking from natural gas to meet government directives in the future.

3. Nominations of up to 5 Appointed Members

Chris Wilks has been appointed by the Garden and Countryside Club.

Ladies Group, Tansley Players, Tansley Film and Tuesday Club have not appointed a member.

4. Election of 12 Elected Members

Jill Williamson, a resident of Tansley, offered her services as a committee member. All 8 existing elected members offered to continue. As no more than 12 people wished to be elected, no election was needed.

The Elected Members are: Marion Ball, Jill Green, John Grogan, Chris Knightley, Jan Knightley, Alex Pryor, John Rigarsford, Sarah Williams and Jill Williamson.

5. AOB

None.