



Minutes of Annual General Meeting 18th July 2023

Attended by: Committee members: Alex Pryor (Chairman), John Grogan, Chris Knightley, Jan Knightley, John Rigarlsford, Sarah Williams, Jill Williamson.

Local residents: Wendy McNee.

Apologies: Marion Ball, Martyn Knappett, Chris Wilks.

1. Committee's Report - On behalf of the committee for 2022-23:

Marion Ball, John Grogan, Martyn Knappett, Chris Knightley, Jan Knightley, Alex Pryor, John Rigarlsford, Chris Wilks, Sarah Williams and Jill Williamson.

The Committee for the past year comprised 10 members. Its chairman was Alex Pryor, its treasurer was Jan Knightley and Chris Knightley was its secretary. Every Committee member is a volunteer and trustee helping to ensure that the Hall provides a high-quality venue for leisure and recreation for the benefit of Tansley and its neighbourhood, the Hall's charitable objective.

The Hall was financed through hiring to the area's community and the wider public and from the proceeds of two shows. It received a donation of £5,000 from a person who wishes to remain anonymous. It received a gift of about £500 from Tansley Film that was used to buy equipment and pay for cleaning of 20 dirty chairs.

As a planned repair, last July a builder relayed coping stones on the parapet wall of the toilet block, repointed its walls and repointed the entrance's paving.

Ongoing regular customers comprised Tai Chi, the U3A Local History Group, sequence dancing classes, Ladies Group, yoga, Tuesday Club, Garden and Countryside Club, Tansley Film, Zumba, a private German class, Chris James' photography class, Pilates, Matlock's Network Women's Register (NWR), Derbyshire Dales Association of Wrens (for meetings), Sarah Williams for private counselling sessions and The Identity Store for leathercraft workshops. New regular customers comprise swing dancing, NHS Diabetes Prevention classes and Derbyshire Singers (for committee meetings). Tansley's Little Bumbles stay and play group has asked to hire the Hall on Friday mornings. A three-week trial is beginning on 21st July. Phonics classes no longer take place.

Other uses of the Hall included children's parties, a wedding reception, training classes, an all-day leather hide sale by The Identity Store, polling, the Christmas Proms Concert by Shirland Welfare Brass Band organised by Tansley resident David Hill and activities associated with the annual Scarecrow Festival.

The Committee promoted two successful concerts through Live and Local's rural touring scheme. We have applied for two shows for the coming year, one scheduled for 10th November. We are selling tickets online by card payment using Ticket Source, to enable customers to choose their own seats and make purchase simpler for them and for us.

We continue to promote the Hall online through its website, Facebook and Tansley Hotwire.

We thank everyone for their custom and support, enabling us to provide an attractive venue for a wide range of activities and events consistent with the charity's purpose.

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 2023.

The revenue account holds £36,323. This is an increase of £6,926 (24%) compared to last year, being the surplus of receipts over payments. It includes donations of £5,479, one of which was £5,000 from someone who asked to be anonymous.

Having increased hire charges in September 2022 by an average of 15%, income from lettings has risen by 75% from last year, with an increase of 165% from residents in Tansley and 31% from others.

The insurance premium of £1,486 increased by 6% compared to last year. Last year's premium was 5% higher than the year before.

The costs for gas (mainly for heating) increased by 123%, electricity increased by 79%, rent increased by 11.4% (the annual RPI to April 2023) and water reduced by 7%.

£3,009 was spent in July 2022 on repairs to the toilet block roof's coping stones, repointing the toilet block walls and relaying the threshold paving slabs.

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 4 Appointed Members

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

Tansley Film and Tuesday Club have not appointed a member. Tansley Players no longer appoints a member.

4. Election of 12 Elected Members

All nine current (outgoing) elected members offered to join the new Committee. There were no new candidates so no election was required.

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

5. AOB

John Grogan asked whether the increases in hire charges had caused a reduction in bookings. Chris K and Jan said that it had not done so.

The chairman thanked Jan and Chris Knightley greatly for the hard work that they have undertaken this year.