

Tansley Village Hall



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Present: Committee members: Jean Peters, Joyce Leaney, Jan Knightley, Chris Knightley, Bev Oates, Jane Flanagan, John Cunnington, Christine Middleton, Jill Green

Community: Mary Eatherden.

Apologies: Joyce Leaney, John Rigarlsford, Chris Wilks.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous year's AGM were agreed as being accurate.

2. Chairman's Report (Jean Peters)

I am delighted to report that Tansley Village Hall has had another successful year. The Hall has continued to provide a venue for regular use throughout the year by local residents participating in Tai Chi, oil painting, whist, yoga, and pilates and in attending the Garden and Countryside Club, the Ladies Group, the Film Club and Tansley Players, who, once again, provided a delightful pantomime. In addition both Tansley Primary School and Tansley Parish Council continue to use the Hall throughout the year, for their respective activities and functions. Alongside the regular activities, the Hall has been hired by local residents and wider for family parties including birthday parties, a wedding reception and funeral receptions. External to the Village, the Hall has provided the venue for Derbyshire Open Arts, local elections, presentation of the local plan by Derbyshire Dales District Council, and gold and silver buying.

As the Trust Deed for the Village Hall states (and the New Trust Deed Scheme came into force in March this year), the Village Hall is a facility for the Tansley community. The Village Hall Committee aims to promote community use of the Hall by arranging a number of concerts each year in the Hall. This year's programme was highly successful, (tickets sold out early) and people were entertained by Lament's 'A Taste of Latin', the Please Y'Self Skiffle Band and Dale Diva.

I believe that much of the Hall's fairly full timetable and current success is due to the renovation of the Hall which the Committee has been undertaking over the past few years. The renovation programme this year included such obvious changes as the dry lining, replastering and repainting of the main hall, bar area and stage side wall from a dark maroon to a pale green. Coupled with the change in wall colour, we have purchased new curtains for the main hall window, the stage and the curtain to the side, which separates the bar area from the main hall. The main room large window was replaced last year, and this year we have had the remaining nine windows replaced with double glazed aluminium framed ones (we discovered windows we didn't know existed!!) Less obvious changes include fitting automatic light switches to the three toilet rooms, fitting heating zone controls to enable the kitchen, upper room and hall heating to run independently, and a new magnetic white notice board for the main hall. In recognition of the improved facilities and their associated costs, this year we increased the hire charges.

Of course we could not have managed such a renovation programme without the help of Tansley residents, whose continued support, fund raising activities and donations have contributed to funding the changes, and we thank them all for their support and help. In addition, we must thank Derbyshire County Council for a large grant of £24,908, which is funding some of the changes listed above, and more in the pipeline. Finally I would like to thank the Village Hall Committee, and especially the secretary, who has taken on the responsibility of managing all the changes and who prepared the grant application. Without the input of the members of the Village Hall Committee throughout the year, the Village Hall would not be the bright, renovated well used building which it now is, for the residents of Tansley.

3. Treasurer's Report (Jan Knightley)

Jan distributed copies of the Statement of Accounts. This showed the Revenue bank account having £11,820 and the Restoration bank account having £2,173.

The statement of accounts is for the 12 month period to the 31st May 2013.

Comparison with the previous financial year for the revenue account shows a surplus of £1,730 this year compared with a surplus of £497 last year.

Monetary assets in the revenue account remain healthy at £11,820. Of this sum, £6,300 is needed to augment the Restoration Account funds to cover our restoration costs for the work specified to Derbyshire County Council for their grant of £24,908. The remainder is available to cover large and unplanned expenditure.

4. Election of new Elected Members

The number of Elected Members specified in the new Trust Scheme (8th March 2013) is 12.

Marion Ball (absent) had asked to be elected to the Committee. No other person had asked (although there was an enquiry). All 11 existing Elected Members were willing to serve again. Hence 12 Elected Members were elected with no ballot being needed.

The Elected Members serving until the next AGM are, in alphabetical order: Marion Ball, John Cunnington, Jane Flanagan, Jill Green, Joyce Leaney, Chris Knightley, Jan Knightley, Christine Middleton, Bev Oates, Jean Peters, John Rigarlsford and Kath Whysall.

5. Nominations of Appointed Members from 5 user-groups

(Garden & Countryside Club, Ladies Group, Tansley Players, Tansley Film, Tuesday Club)

Christine Wilks is the Appointed Member for the Garden and Countryside Club. No Appointed Member has been nominated for the other groups. Jean Peters, as an Elected Member, will represent the Ladies Group. Bev Oates, as an Elected Member, will represent Tansley Players (at present).

6. Comments and questions from attendees

Mary Eatherden asked why the Tai Chi class had no Appointed Member. Jean explained that the Trust Scheme limited the number of Appointed and Elected Members to prevent the Committee becoming too large. Chris Knightley said that any user group could ask the Committee to allow it to have an Appointed Member added to the defined list. The Committee would then meet to consider the request.

7. AOB

Bev Oates asked that Chris Knightley be thanked for all the time and work that he puts in to the Hall.