



Minutes of Annual General Meeting 25th July 2017

Attended by :- Committee members: Chris Knightley, Jan Knightley, John Cunnington, Marion Ball, Sarah Williams, Jane Flanagan, Alex Pryor.

Apologies:- John Rigarlsford, Jill Green, Chris Wilks, Bev Oates.

The meeting was chaired by Chris Knightley as the Committee has no Chairman at present.

1. Minutes of 2016 AGM – approved as an accurate record of the meeting. There were no outstanding issues.

2. Committee's Report – this was read by Chris Knightley

The Committee for the past year comprised 12 members until Allen Best left Tansley and resigned from the Committee, leaving 11 of us. It operated without a chairman but different members chaired the meetings.

Every Committee member is a volunteer and has helped in various ways to ensure that the Hall continues as a high quality facility giving good service. This is reflected by many reports from satisfied customers verbally, by email and in reviews on the Halls Hire web site, all 11 of which to date have maximum 5 star ratings.

The Hall has retained its customers providing tai chi, Sharon Price's yoga, Zumba, lace-making, pilates, Tansley Ladies Group, Tansley Tuesday Club, Tansley Garden and Countryside Club, Tansley Film, the U3A Local History Group, Matlock Camera Club, Tansley Players, Gerry Flanagan's Shifting Sands Theatre, Tansley Primary School for their own and brought-in productions and Derbyshire Dales District Council for elections and referenda. New customers are Nicky Mumford with her yoga class early on Monday evenings, Chris Gale with High Tor Players to rehearse plays in the upper room on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, Margaret Oswald's knitting group on some Tuesday evenings in the upper room, Karina Goodman and Ruth Gray for their Purple and Grey artists' workshops and tutorials on some Wednesday mornings and their two-day Fresh and Unframed art exhibition on 3rd and 4th June, Vanessa Levell for her Pudding and Pies pre-school childrens' cookery and food classes on Friday mornings and Chris James for his photography workshops on some Saturdays. The Hall has lost Richard Holland's art class, and circuit training classes.

Other uses included 3 wedding receptions, hen dances, christening/naming receptions, funeral receptions for Geoff Lewis, Sue Smith and Ruby Gratton, children's, adults' and family parties, social events, Diocese of Derby meetings, British Orienteering Federation board meetings, 12 Diabetes Prevention classes for the NHS by ICS Healthcare, an independent series of 6 bible reading classes, Tansley Festival's Craft and Produce show and 4 events for Tansley Church for which no charge was made for the Hall.

The Committee promoted two concerts this year through Live and Local's rural touring scheme. These performances of Alaw in Concert in October 2016 and Mambo Jambo in February 2017 were very popular and sold-out as usual.

Renovation of the rear lobby is in hand. A new plastic outward opening fire exit door is being installed. The lobby will be insulated internally and re-plastered soon. The remaining renovations of the outside steps down to the cellar and the walk-in store room in the ground floor meeting room have not yet been started. As it is nearly 5 years since the main hall was repainted, it will soon be time to do some of this again to keep the room looking good.

While fundraising now runs on a small scale, the Committee is grateful for any donations it receives. Tansley Film bought a stainless steel tea trolley for general use and contributed again to the annual cost of music licences.

Proceeds from hiring have allowed many new items of equipment to be purchased. These comprise a Bosch larder fridge for the ground floor kitchen, vacuum cleaners for the upper room and ground floor, a magnetic whiteboard for the ground floor meeting room, a portable magnetic whiteboard/flip-chart stand, 10 more folding tables including 8 for the upper room, 115 five-piece place-settings of white porcelain china comprising dinner plate, side plate, bowl, tea-cup and saucer, 108 wine glasses and a secure and robust externally mounted key-safe. The committee considered buying a fast commercial-standard dish washer but concluded that there was neither a suitable place nor a sufficient need for one.

The Hall is promoted well online through its web site, managed by the Publicity Officer, Jane Flanagan and through social networking using a Facebook page, managed by the Secretary, Chris Knightley.

The Committee thanks everyone for their custom and support, enabling it 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.

Comments. Chris was asked to clarify the basis for providing free use of the Hall to the church. He explained that the lease entitled the church to free use to a defined extent. He said that he would send a copy of the lease to the questioner and to the committee as a whole, identifying the requirement for free use and its implementation in practice.

3. Treasurer's report

The statement of accounts (as given to attendees) is for the 12 month period to the 31st May 2017. The revenue account holds £19,621. This is an increase of 23% compared with 2016. It has a surplus of receipts over payments of £3,662 which is 10% more than in 2016.

Receipts from letting are £9,958. This shows an increase of 23% compared with 2016, most of which is from non-residents of Tansley.

The total payment for electricity, gas and water increased by 7% compared with 2016 with electricity contributing 12%. Our 3 year fixed price electricity plan expires on 2nd September. The new 3 year offer will increase the cost by 43%.

£2,992 was spent on equipment. The main expenditure is detailed on the statement of accounts.

The insurance premium of £1,115 decreased by 7% compared with 2016.

Substantial funds are needed to cover unplanned expenditure, such as repairs, and further improvements.

4. Nominations of up to 5 Appointed Members

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

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

5. Election of 12 Elected Members

As only 9 people wished to be elected, no election was needed. The Elected Members are: Alex Pryor, Chris Knightley, Jan Knightley, Jane Flanagan, Sarah Williams, Marion Ball, John Cunnington, Jill Green and John Rigarsford.

6. AOB Bev Oates has decided not to rejoin the committee. We thank her for many years of service.