



Minutes of Annual General Meeting 19th July 2022

Attended by: Committee members: Alex Pryor (Chairman), Marion Ball, John Grogan, Chris Knightley, Jan Knightley, John Rigarsford, Chris Wilks, Sarah Williams.

Local residents: Martyn Knappett.

Apologies: Jill Green.

1. Committee's Report - On behalf of the committee for 2021-22:

Marion Ball, Jill Green, John Grogan, Chris Knightley, Jan Knightley, Alex Pryor, John Rigarsford, Sarah Williams, Christine Wilks 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.

As well as covering running costs and repairs, proceeds from hiring paid for new equipment/fittings, principally a cordless mower and new LED lighting in the cellar. Last July, we had an unplanned repair to one of the lead valleys of the main hall's roof owing to faulty installation 11 years ago and consequent water damage to the ceiling. As a planned repair, this July (to be recorded in next year's accounts), a builder relayed coping stones on the parapet wall of the toilet block, repointed its walls and repointed the entrance's paving.

Covid-19 restrictions were lifted completely on 19th July 2021. This enabled all activities to resume gradually as and when their organisers chose to do so. These comprise Tai Chi, the U3A Local History Group, ballroom and sequence dancing classes, Ladies Group, yoga, Tuesday Club, Garden and Countryside Club, cinema with Tansley Film, Zumba, a private German class, pre-school phonics class and Chris James' photography class. New regular customers comprise pilates (with Helen Carr), Matlock's Network Women's Register (NWR) (for meetings), Derbyshire Dales Association of Wrens (for meetings), Sarah Williams for private counselling sessions and The Identity Store for leathercraft workshops. Lace-making, children's cookery, Purple and Grey's art group and Tansley Players no longer attend.

Other uses of the Hall included hen dances, children's parties, social meetings, training classes, two all-day leather hide sales by The Identity Store, five singing practices by Matlock Rock Choir and the Christmas Proms Concert by Shirland Welfare Brass Band organised by Tansley resident David Hill.

The Committee promoted two successful concerts through Live and Local's rural touring scheme. We have applied for two shows for the coming year.

We continue to promote the Hall online through its website and Facebook and use 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 2022.

The revenue account holds £29,397. This is an increase of £460 (1.6%) compared with last year, being the surplus of receipts over payments.

Few other comparisons are provided with the last financial year (2020-21) when use of the Hall was very limited owing to the closures and usage restrictions imposed for the Covid pandemic resulting in greatly reduced receipts from lettings and consequent lower payments for energy consumption.

It may be useful to compare receipts from lettings with those of 2 years ago (2019-20), when the Hall was open for the first 9½ months to mid-March before the Covid pandemic and with 3 years ago (2018-19), the year before the pandemic. Compared with 2 years ago, receipts from lettings are down by 38% and by 49% compared with 3 years ago. This is partly owing to having no wedding receptions, few parties and eight regular customers not returning or running their activities online.

The insurance premium of £1,405 increased by 5% compared with last year, 12% compared with 2 years ago and 25% compared with 3 years ago.

Looking ahead, the Hall's new 2-year fixed-price gas contract that commenced on 9th May is 127% higher than the previous one. We expect a similar increase in the electricity price when our fixed-price contract ends in September. Owing to these exceptionally large energy price increases, we are raising hire charges between 8% and 20%, averaging at around 15%, from 1st September. The increases are less for regular customers. We last increased charges 9 years ago.

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

Martyn Knappett, a resident of Tansley, offered his services as a committee member. 9 existing elected members offered to continue. Jill Green is not continuing as a member. The chairman thanked Jill in her absence for her membership for the last 17 years. As no more than 12 people wished to be elected, no election was needed.

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

5. AOB

John Rigarsford expressed concern that the Landowner, The Diocese of Derby, is reviewing its assets, that include Tansley Village Hall, possibly with a view to selling some. We noted that our lease ends in 51 years in 2073. He had expressed to those concerned in the Diocese that the Hall is very valuable to the community and is well maintained.