

**Reighton Village Hall – Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting**  
**Held Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014 Commencing at 7pm**

Attendance: 23 Village Residents (including 5 trustees) Apologies; Linda Wilson

1. Minutes of last AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013, having been circulated, were accepted as a correct record.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Dog Fouling in the Children's play area: the committee had put up signs requesting co-operation from dog-owners, but these had been vandalised very quickly and removed. Mr & Mrs Goodall had affixed a small metal sign on the wall near the picnic area. The Secretary reported that dog fouling seemed to be less of a problem of late.

3. Chairman/Secretary's Report:

During the year, we had had the roof insulated, using a Southern Cluster grant obtained in the previous year; a new panic bar had been purchased and fitted; the hall had been re-decorated by the Probation Service; and we have obtained another grant from the Southern Cluster to purchase a new heater and a new light for the loft. Accordingly, the Hall would soon be brighter, warmer and more welcoming.

The hall was regularly used by the Parish Council, a Dog Group, a Monday Keep-Fit Group, Children's Dance Group on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, a fortnightly Craft & Chat group, the Church Summer Fair and some other events, for the NYCC Election, Bloom Bingo and Best Kept Garden Presentation. The hall had been used by two caravan groups and one birthday party. We had trialled a games night, but interest had fallen off and we might try to resume this in the autumn. We still held an annual Xmas party.

The Chairman thanked David Bradshaw for cutting the grass; and Neil and Lesley for help with the lock change and Neil for putting up bird boxes on the wall at the rear; and to Mrs Hinchliffe for keeping the place clean.

4. Treasurer's Report

Mrs Hinchliffe presented accounts showing a small loss of £27 for the year with cash and bank funds of £6346.76 at the end of the year. Hire fees had increased with the extra use of the hall for dance classes and some additional church events such as the craft fair where proceeds were shared with the church. We relied on the lottery to balance the books and all the available numbers were now taken which was a welcome development.

Our insurance premium was £1672 including the £600+ cost of insuring the play equipment and this would increase to over £1800 for the forthcoming year. Our electric bill was £437 for the year – partly due to the cost of keeping the decorators warm in January. The cost of insulating the loft had increased between obtaining the grant and quote and then having the work done with the additional cost of the new panic bar installation – a net additional outlay of £400.

5. Election of Officers & Committee

The following were proposed by Stephen Hinchliffe and seconded by Peter Cross and elected:

Chairman: P Riley; Secretary: P Riley; Treasurer: Mrs A Hinchliffe;

Committee: P Riley; A Hinchliffe; Pat Cross; Melissa MacDonald; Doreen Goodall; Judy Triffitt

Mr Hinchliffe moved a vote of thanks for the work of the committee and officers for keeping the show on the road for another year.

6. Play Area & Sustainability Grant

The Chairman and Lesley Paddock had planted a few berry-bearing trees and shrubs and other flora and introduced rotting wood etc to encourage birds and frogs etc. Neil Kempson had recently fixed two bird boxes to the Village Hall gable-end.

7. A.O.B

There was a short discussion on advertising. The Treasurer would put a notice on the Village Hall notice-board with a telephone number for bookings.

Lesley Paddock offered us a barrel to be sited near the picnic area. Lesley would plant this out for us provided we would ensure it was watered regularly. The offer was accepted gratefully.

Xmas Tree: The Committee had not yet decided whether to have a Xmas tree this year after the lights on the last one were vandalised. Mr Carter reminded the committee that they needed to decide in good time. The

committee would look at options, possible a small tree with just one set of lights, perhaps fixed to the gable end of the village hall.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm