

Reighton Village Hall – Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting
Held Thursday 28th April 2016 Commencing at 7pm

Attendance: 24 Village Residents (including 6 trustees) Apologies: Wendy Knapton, Sid & Janice Carter, Tim Marshall, Bill Basson, Lynne Wells, (Doreen Goodall for “sleeping-in”)

1. Minutes of last AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on 23rd April 2015 were circulated. Proposed: Judy Triffitt; Seconded Anne Hinchliffe: THAT these be accepted as a correct record. Carried by the floor.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Item 4 Treasurer’s Report: Mrs Hinchliffe reported that a substantially reduced insurance premium had been negotiated for the 2016/17 year through Community Links – a charity specialising in community halls. The new premium would be £776 fixed for the next five years (compared with £1927 charged by Aon last year).

3. Chairman/Secretary’s Report:

The Chairman reported on an uneventful year with not many private bookings although we had all enjoyed Mr & Mrs Dawson’s hog roast. The hall had been used by the Parish Council, a Dog Group, a Monday Keep-Fit Group, Children’s Dance Group, a fortnightly Craft & Chat group, monthly Coffee Morning, the Church Summer Fair, for the local Election and Bloom Best Kept Garden Presentation. In the current year, the hall will be used on two dates as a polling station and the Ridings Folk Group is coming again in June.

No work had been done on the fabric and there were no plans for the forthcoming year. However we had bought some new window blinds, better table cloths and some pictures introduced to brighten the place up. Thanks were owed to many residents who helped to make running the hall a success: Neil Kempson for putting up signage and local pictures; Pat Cross for supplying the pictures; Mrs Hinchliffe for organising the cleaning and purchase of window blinds; Bet Wright for the curtains and new table cloths; David Bradshaw for cutting the grass; Lesley Paddock and all who helped with the wildlife garden maintenance; Pat Cross for all her efforts to get a regular monthly coffee morning going with speakers and “events” to provide a focus.

Pat Cross and a few others had arranged a well-attended New Years Eve party, which a family on Cowton Lane enjoyed. We all enjoyed Tim Marshall’s musical Quiz

Finally thanks were due to Stephen Hinchliffe for researching on the internet for better value insurance cover, saving £1200 annually. Stephen also helped with maintenance, last week fixing a new waterproof covering for the canopy over the entrance.

4. Treasurer’s Report

Mrs Hinchliffe provided a financial report for the year ended 31st March 2016 showing income for the year of £3188.70, including £1417 hire fees and £1340 from the Lottery. Expenditure was £3714.74, including costs of blinds, curtains, poles and photo frames. There was an excess of expenditure over income of £526, leaving a very healthy balance of £6546.24 at Bank and in cash.

It was noted that the light over the entrance had not been working for some time. It was agreed that rather than organise a repair we should replace it with a “dusk-till-dawn” light-sensitive “soft-glow” system; the secretary would arrange an electrician.

5. Election of Officers & Committee

The following were proposed by Lesley Paddock and seconded by Ken Bradley and elected:

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

Committee: P Riley; A Hinchliffe; Pat Cross; Doreen Goodall; Judy Triffitt; Bet Wright; Diana Lawton; Laura Grey.

6. Play Area & Sustainability Grant

The secretary explained that the wildlife garden had been established as a condition of a lottery grant for the play equipment and that we were only able to spend a limited amount of time to maintain it. As last year, we would try to hold an evening in late summer to weed out the nettles etc with some refreshment/wine afterwards. Lesley Paddock would introduce some plants at the end of the year, including replacements for the beech saplings in the hedge, which had died.

7. A.O.B

The secretary relayed Mr Scruton's suggestion that we should organise an Open Garden Competition as a fundraiser. The meeting was not particularly enthusiastic about organising any events in addition to the Bloom Best Kept Garden Competition. It was agreed to introduce something to brighten the far wall – perhaps a tapestry featuring scenes in village life, created from photos-printed-on-canvass, and that this could be funded from the surplus made at the Christmas Craft Fair. The Committee would also look into a “one-off” table top sale in the summer so residents could have a “clear-out”.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm