

Reighton Village Hall – Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting
Held Thursday 27th April 2017 Commencing at 7pm

Attendance: 23 Village Residents (including 8 trustees) Apologies: Ken Bradley, Carol Ackerman

1. Minutes of last AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on 28th April 2016 were circulated.

Proposed: Judy Triffitt; Seconded Doreen Goodall: THAT these be accepted as a correct record. Carried.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

3. Chairman/Secretary's Report:

The Chairman reported on an uneventful year with hardly any private bookings. However, the village hall is in regular use by a number of groups: Monday Keep Fit; Wednesday Children's Dance Training Sessions; Pat's monthly coffee mornings; fortnightly Craft and Chat; and Bridlington Canine Society. It was used annually for the Church Fair; Xmas Craft Fair; Bloom Best Kept Garden and New Years Eve Party. In addition it was used by the Parish Council and for the Police & Crime Commissioner election and the Referendum.

Thanks were due to Pat Cross for organising the coffee mornings, which were now a significant fundraiser. Pat had also developed a good relationship with our local police and PCSO David Mainprize usually attended. In addition Ken Bradley had given a talk on the life and times of a fireman; Marilyn Kindleysides had given a flower arranging display; and Tim Marshall had done musical themed quizzes for the coffee morning and at New Year. We had also had a presentation on Fracking and a demonstration on the use of the AED from Yorkshire Ambulance Service.

Thanks were due to all who regularly attended and contributed books, raffle prizes etc.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Hinchliffe for organising the cleaning and the Craft and Chat as well as the collection of the Bonus Ball monies which were our largest income stream; also David Bradshaw for cutting the grass; Fiona Cawley for reviving the Neighbourhood Watch; and Lesley Paddock for organising the annual maintenance session in the wildlife area and for planting hornbeam saplings around the play area to replace the beech saplings which had died.

The Chairman had looked into Risks during the year and had a loft ladder installed to eliminate the hazard involved in climbing a step-ladder when hauling equipment out of the loft. A long overdue check of the electrical system had been carried out (see item 6 below). The Chairman had enrolled in Rural Action Yorkshire to obtain advice on risk, general administration and other matters (e.g. the asbestos situation). We had also had some bookshelves installed to reduce the volume of goods being stored in the ladies toilets.

4. Treasurer's Report

Mrs Hinchliffe provided a financial report for the year ended 31st March 2017 showing income for the year of £3,721.95, including £1,644 hire fees and £1,428 from the Lottery. Expenditure was £2,228.41 so there was a surplus of income over expenditure of £1,493.54, leaving a very healthy balance of £7,991.78 at Bank and in cash. These figures do not include the £462 raised at the September coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Charity.

5. Election of Officers & Committee

The following were proposed by Tim Marshall and seconded by David Bradshaw 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. Possible Expenditure on Electrics and Drive Re-surfacing/Car-parking

Electrics/Alarm:

The Chairman had arranged for EMCE of Dean Road, Scarborough to carry out a check of the electrical systems. They reported that the system is basically sound although the actual wires are over 50 years old. They had also checked the alarm system and reported that this was also satisfactory despite being over 25 years old. EMCE recommended the replacement of the three old consumer units in the kitchen with a single modern unit with RCD protection as well as some repairs and additions to the emergency lighting equipment at a cost of £1257 including VAT. The Chairman had referred the report to Mr BT Barkley of Hunmanby for his opinion as an experienced electrician. Mr Barkley recommended that we have the work carried out and that the cost seemed reasonable (he couldn't carry out the work for any less).

IT WAS AGREED that we instruct EMCE to carry out the work and that the Village Hall Committee should approach the Parish Council for a Donation of £500 towards the cost.

Driveway/Parking Area:

On the matter of the driveway, the Chairman had to report a lack of progress having discussed the matter with Peter Wannop Ltd (who had done the Churchyard paths last year). They had taken measurements in February and not yet returned with an estimate. We have also approached Gibsons for a second estimate in the last couple of weeks.

We have requested quotes for resurfacing of the drive, together with an extension of the surfaced area to enable vehicles to be turned round more easily. We would also wish to install a kerbed edge to discourage parking on the play area with its expensive special matting.

We have also obtained various estimates for creating a parking area in place of the lawn to the left of the drive by having aggregate laid and then either surfaced with gravel or re-seeded after laying plastic driveway grips. We had asked Stannops to quote on this basis. However, they insisted that a tarmac surface was the only solution they would quote for.

The meeting discussed the options in the absence of all the figures and there was a strong feeling that such a large additional area of tarmac could present surface water problems, so that if at all possible the surface should allow for water to soakaway (possibly linking up with the soakaway created around eight years ago around the building).

The Committee would review the options again later we have obtained more information.

Cable Power Supply to Xmas Tree:

The existing arrangement for powering the Xmas tree lights is clearly unsatisfactory and unsafe, notwithstanding that we have probably been hauling a cable and box out of the village hall loft every year since 1960. Our electrician advises that we need to have an armoured cable buried (which could be done in conjunction with work on the drive) and the power point contained in a waterproof box above ground level – probably fixed to a railway sleeper. The likely cost is £600. We would review this again in conjunction with any work we do on the driveway.

7. Play Area & Sustainability Grant

As we do every year, we would try to hold an evening probably in July to weed out the nettles and have a general tidy-up with some refreshment/wine afterwards. Lesley Paddock had planted some hornbeam saplings around the play area to replace several of the beech saplings, which had died.

8. A.O.B

We agreed to book a Hog Roast with Trotters on Potter Brompton on the same basis as the Diamond Wedding celebration which Jean and Peter Dawson provided for the village in the Spring of 2016. The date was fixed for 1st July 2017 which was the nearest Saturday to 29th June which would have been Peter's 90th birthday.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm