BELLS YEW GREEN VILLAGE HALL

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 25th June 2019 at 7.30pm

Bells Yew Green Village Hall

**Present**: Rob Wallis (Chairman), Sue Wallis (Trustee), Chris Bacon (Bookings), Lucie Garside (Treasurer), Zoe McGregor (Committee), Bill Hunter (Committee), Trish Gray (Administrator)

There were no apologies for absence

**Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting:** These were agreed and signed.

**Chairman’s Report. RW** thanked everyone for volunteering their time and hard work over the past year. He thanked Ethne Macrae who resigned during the year, for her hard work and her support for the community and the village hall. He also paid tribute to Katie Smith who has died earlier in the year and who had done much for the hall and for the children’s play area.

The electrical system has been improved this year at a cost of nearly £4000 and now meets up to date standards. The new LED lighting is a great success allowing users of the hall to dim the lights as required or to have a bright environment depending on their needs. During the year the committee has established a regular routine of garden maintenance (thanks to Niall McGregor) and also maintenance of the building eg painting of the shed (thanks to Rob and Chris).

Website and online diary is up and running successfully thanks to Bill**.**

Friends of BYG organised a very successful BBQ in September 2018 and it was agreed that other events could be held as the hall is well placed for local social events.

**CB** reported that the Short Mat Bowls group is unable to continue with a considerable loss of revenue (£1,200p/a). There have been no new regular renters and there are a few gaps during the week but we only have one evening when the hall isn’t in use. **SW** suggested advertising on the Nextdoor online community forum directing them to the website diary for regular and general bookings **SW** to send wording to **BH** for the advertisement.

It has been a good year overall and **CB** thanked to Rob for his leadership over the past year.

**Treasurer’s Report.** The accounts show a profit for the past year of £543.49 with similar expenditure to last year even taking into account the electrical repairs and renewals undertaken and a donation received. **CB** said that the improvements have allowed us to charge an increased rent from January of 5% to hall users.

**SW** who is also a Parish Councillor, will check with the Parish Council who pays for the hall to ensure that there is no risk of the hall being insured twice. The Parish Council are responsible for the Health and Safety inspections of the children’s play equipment and the village hall.

It appears we overpaid for water rates and electricity last year but this has evened out now. The income from renting out the hall earns about £1500 more than we spend on running the hall so we could afford to spend about £1000 a year on maintenance and this will be managed by the committee.

The closing balance on 19.06.2019 was £6,354.14

**Election of officers.**

Chairman Rob Wallis Proposed by Chris Bacon Seconded by Bill Hunter

Treasurer Lucie Garside Proposed by Rob Wallis Seconded by Bill Hunter

Secretary Trish Gray Proposed by Rob Wallis Seconded by Bill Hunter

Committee Chris Bacon Proposed by Trish Gray Seconded by Bill Hunter

Zoe McGregor Proposed by Rob Wallis Seconded by Bill Hunter

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**Keys** Chris has fitted a secure box lock for the hall keys and the combination will be changed monthly the committee will be made aware of the new number possibly on a private page of the website.

**Proposed Photo display. RW** will call in to the hall when groups are there and take photos.

**CB** said that there had been no comments either way regarding the new lighting. Mostly users were happy with the state of the hall and there had only been one complaint following a Saturday night party.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm