

## Minutes of AGM held on Friday 30th June 2023 at 7.00pm in Creeting St Mary Village Hall

Present: Mrs C Bingley (Chair); Mrs J Mayell (Treasurer); Mrs S Haynes (Secretary); Mr W Barnes; Mrs K Martin; Mrs G Clint; Mr L King; Mr Marvin Crisp, All Trustees.  
Two Members of the Public.

1. Apologies for absence, Mr David Allan, Mr Peter Cobbold (Trustees).
2. Minutes of the AGM 2022 were agreed and signed.  
Matters Arising: Nil.
3. Chairman's Report: On File. Mrs Bingley reported that 2022 seemed to be a good year for the Hall. Various improvements have enhanced what the Hall can offer the hirers and been appreciated by them. Bookings appear to be flourishing. Mrs Bingley thanked the Committee and also Sophie the new Bookings Secretary. More improvements are in the pipeline with refurbishment of the lounge the next endeavour, it is hoped with the help of grants. Roots and Shoots have again provided plants and compost for the planters at the front of the Hall and the W.I. are to be thanked for watering and care. The electricity contract is about to expire and we are going to take a hit for higher prices. In view of this the hire rates have recently been adjusted but we believe they are fair and competitive.  
Mrs Bingley thanked Jodi for keeping the Hall sparkling clean and for constantly checking the Hall between bookings to ensure all is in order.  
'After 11 years as Chair I will be standing down. My thanks to you all, I see you as a strong Committee and I appreciate the support you have given me over the years. I am happy to see our Hall in a good place for the future and I will always take pride in its place in the village scene.'
4. Treasurer's Report: On File. Mrs Mayell reported income in the last financial year of £14,711. Expenditure was £26,020. There have been fewer grants and the cost of refurbishment has been met from reserves. However the finances are in good order. £6,165 current account, £45,320 COIF. Total funds at 31.3.23 £51,485, a reduction of £11,308 in last year's overall balance. The biggest concern is the increase in energy costs at the end of July when the fixed term contract runs out. Current enquiries indicate costs are likely to double but the best way to cope will be kept under review. The sinking fund remains at £12,500, this figure is under review re the new Business Plan.  
All agreed acceptance of the accounts.
5. Election.  
Nomination of User Group Representatives.  
W.I. Chris Bingley; PC Sue Haynes; SC Mrs K Martin, all agreed to continue their position.
6. Election of Village Committee Members.  
As Mrs Mayell has served three years she stood down; Mr Allan; Mr Barnes, Mr Crisp and Mr King were willing to continue. Mrs Mayell was re-elected, proposed by Mrs Martin, seconded by Mrs Clint. Mr Peter Cobbold proposed in his absence by Mr Barnes, seconded by Mr King was elected. .  
Mrs Bingley is happy to stand as W.I. rep for one more year.
7. Mrs A Hayward was willing to continue as Auditor, all agreed to her appointment.
8. A.O.B Mrs Graham, Member of the Public, asked about the lounge refurbishment. Mrs Mayell explained a sub-Committee was working on it and various ways of funding it.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30pm.