

Ferring Village Hall Management Committee
Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting
Saturday 29th May at 9:30 am

Present

Tim Baldwin - Chairman, Jane Crathern - Secretary, Betty McCann - Treasurer, Peter Phillips, Clyde Fordyce, Colin Barrett, Carole Fordyce, Jeannette O'Sullivan, Rick Sims, Andrew Jackson, Richard Curtis, Simon Cornish

Public Attendees

Paul Webster, Linda Lines, Peter Lines, Lilian Holdsworth, Valerie Simpson, Carole Robertson

Apologies

Debbie Dilks

Minutes of the 2020 AGM

To mitigate the risk of transmitting coronavirus through handling paper, the Minutes of the 2020 AGM had been distributed by email in advance to trustees, and to members of the public who had notified their intention to attend. The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising

Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported as follows:

“Since our last AGM, held last October, our village hall has been under strict government led control due to the continuing problems we are all aware of concerning the pandemic. However, our sub committee of trustees, led by Clyde Fordyce, have managed to keep ahead of requirements and suggestions as made by government, and I wish to place on record our thanks to all those trustees who have spent hours planning and preparing the three halls for our hirers use.

For 2020, we were fully open for approximately three months, locked down for about three months, under controlled opening for around the next three months and then shut again under the second lockdown. Fortunately, we were able to obtain financial assistance from national and local government by way of grants, more of which our Treasurer will mention shortly, and as a result of these sums have remained solvent over the Covid shutdown periods.

For 2020 we have been able to put into place various urgent and non-urgent maintenance works, the main one being finalised earlier this year. The main hall has now had its roof checked, sealed and where necessary replaced and should last users for many years to come. On behalf of all villagers I would like to place on record our sincere thanks to retiring trustee Mark Turner for all his assistance in leading the last three large scale maintenance projects on signage, damp course in the main hall, and the same halls roof work. His knowledge and advice on these projects enabled the trustees to proceed with other matters. Enjoy your retirement.

Sadly, this year saw us losing the services of two of our trustees – Maura Blackburn and Stephen Horne – both ex Parish Councillors and both excellent committee members who contributed many excellent ideas to the trustee meetings held over the years they were on it. Stephen has since left the United Kingdom and sadly Maura has passed away after serious illness.

However, we have been very lucky to appoint new trustees – Debbie Dilks, Richard Curtis, Andrew Jackson and Simon Cornish, and more will be said about these trustees later on.

Finally, in this my third and last Chairman's report, I wish to thank all of the existing committee for their support and assistance over the previous three years it has been my privilege to be Chairman, and I hope that our new Chairman elect - Peter Phillips - receives the same help and guidance that I received. I have enjoyed my many years as a trustee to the Hall and really hope that it continues to function as a village asset for many more years to come. In 2024 we will be celebrating the FVH's one hundredth birthday, and I hope that Mrs Henty's legacy continues for many more years after that.

Timothy Baldwin, Chairman – Ferring Village Hall

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There were no questions.

Treasurer's Report

To mitigate the risk of transmitting coronavirus through handling paper, the 2020 Accounts and Treasurer's Report had been distributed by email in advance to all trustees, and to all members of the public who had notified their intention to attend. A full copy of the Accounts was also available at the Meeting.

The Accounts and Treasurer's report were taken as read. A full copy of the text of the Treasurer's Report with the audited Accounts is on file.

There were no questions.

Bookings Secretary's Report

The Booking Secretary's Report was taken as read. There were no questions.

Election of Management Committee

- Election of Chairman - Tim Baldwin resigned and Peter Phillips was elected as trustee and Chairman – proposed Paul Webster - elected unopposed
- Re-Election of Secretary – Jane Crathern - proposed Lilian Holdsworth - elected unopposed
- Re-Election of Treasurer - Betty McCann - proposed Paul Webster - elected unopposed
- Election of Debbie Dilks – proposed Valerie Simpson, seconded Paul Webster
- Election of Richard Curtis – proposed Carole Robertson, seconded Peter Lines
- Election of Andrew Jackson – proposed Paul Webster, seconded Valerie Simpson
- Election of Simon Cornish – proposed Lilian Holdsworth, seconded Carole Robertson
- Election of other committee members *en bloc* - proposed Paul Webster, seconded Lilian Holdsworth

Appointment of Auditors

The trustees agreed to reappoint the current auditors, Independent Examiners Limited, of Bosham, West Sussex, PO18 8NF.

Any other business

- Linda Lines asked when activities in the Village Hall would return to normal. It was noted that until government restrictions were completely lifted some restrictions in activities would remain.
- Clyde Fordyce, on behalf of the trustees, villagers and attendees at the Meeting, conveyed his thanks to Tim Baldwin for all his work on behalf of the Village Hall, and wished him a happy retirement.

Date of Next Meeting

April 2022