

25/2/13 - Joint Village AGM minutes

Di Welcomed everyone to the joint agm meetings.

Village fayre committee

Appologies: GT, KC & MC

Chairs report - 2012 was quite a disappointing year with a lot of work in the preparation, but were beaten by the weather on the run up to the day. With huge amount of reluctance we postponed till the end of the summer. Finding a date which didn't clash was difficult which is why we chose October. The weather conspired against us, we tried not to cancel, but sadly had to. In our wash up meeting we discussed changing the date/venue, each with logistical problems. We decided to keep to the playing field, and moving the date to 22nd June (to not clash with High Hurstwood). We will also be holding an autumn event – Autunmfest.

We are in desperate need of helpers in the run up to and the actual date of the fair. We realise that people would not like to commit fully, but would like assistance in the lead up to the fair.

You can contact us on our email hadlowdownfair@live.co.uk

Treasurers report – This year's report is the briefest yet, made a loss of just over £500. We are grateful for people who allowed us to keep their fees as a donation. We recouped our losses selling coconuts and at the Christmas market.

Questions from the floor – none.

CL & DK signed the accounts as read.

Election/Re-Election of officers. one new committee member – Jenny Lester. Steve Godfrey stood Down.

Vicky Richard– “Keep going, you do a good job, a pity it didn't go ahead”

Village Hall Committee

Joan, Barbara, Colin & Lisa

John & Gwen Smith apologise.

Chairs report: once again Janet thanked the committed for their help, all clubs have been, bowls club needs more members. Lottery grant received. Portable stage extensions purchased, also carried out woodworm treatment under stage and committee room, The refurbished kitchen was jointly funded by lottery and other grants and support from the village. Special thanks for Nigel and Bob who did the hard work. We have had a generous donation of new crockery, which is better than previous. Sam also donated water jugs and glasses. TN22 club is using the hall twice a month. The hall was recently transformed for a Bollywood night. Janet congratulated them on a successful fundraising evening. Sat 16th March is spring market, which we hope you will all come. The poor weather has meant that water has been flowing down the lane.

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Lisa Scott is sadly standing down as treasurer. The post of treasurer will be split, and we are actively looking for a replacement.

Treasurers accounts – The hall made a loss of approx £6,500 but we cushioned by the accounts. We have doubled our fund raising, and bookings have increased. The hire charges are going to be reviewed.

Election of officers – Chair – Janet (Paul proposed) is standing again, Colin (Janet proposed, and Marion seconded).

Other business – Paul queried the electricity bill, and Janet said they will be tweaked again. Clara thanked the committee for all their hard work in the last year.

Playing Field Committee

Present, John, Nigel and Fiona.

Chairs report – Two working parties have taken place to repair weather damage. A tree survey has been taken, clearing ditches, maintaining pavilion, and flattening bike humps. Have undertaken risk assessments regarding play area. We are currently undertaking a shelter with the help of Nathan James. The hire charges were raised last year – from £100 – to £150.

The grass cutting was not undertaken promptly last year, and took time to get the grass back into condition. We have asked to use some precept from the Parish Council to pay for the cutting. We have one quote and are waiting for further quotes.

Drainage – we did have an option of obtaining a large amount of top soil, but the cost of transporting was prohibitive. This does mean that the use of the field will be able to go ahead as normal. Exploring for future developments, with or without the new hall.

Fundraising – we are investigating the holding a car boot sale, we held a successful Bollywood evening, and are keen to do other events in the future.

Treasurer – Made a loss of over £2000, spending the majority of this on grass cutting. We do not have enough to fund the grass cutting, which will be funded by the council next year.

Janet – good idea about a boot fair, but please don't clash with other events.

Thank you to: Bob who has been supportive, Claude Jesset Trust, Graham Terry and Nathan James.

Committee Membership – Andrew resigned as Committee, Fiona joined as secretary, but is now acting as Chair/Secretary, but cannot do both jobs, and invited for more members. Di said that Jonathan and Kieran would help with the working parties. No forthcoming assistance from the floor. Vicky nominated the committee members, Conch seconded.

Community Centre

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Sadly we have not achieved what we said we would do. WDC has imposed a development embargo on the edge of Ashdown Forest. We can have a larger hall, but no main hall space, as this would mean more users. We will not be able to dispose of the existing hall, we looked into renovating existing hall, this would cost £150,000, the village preferred option is the playing field, so we will continue to plan for the hall there.

All the details will be posted on the website, feel free to contact the committee if you want to join.

The committee members will all continue to stand. Voted in and seconded by the floor.

Any questions – Paul clarified a draft plan would be ready for June and then tweaked after.

Bob asked people to sign a petition to help raise the profile of the village hall.