

Annual General Meeting

Glatton Village Hall Committee Meeting

6th July 2020

Present: Terry Brignall, Jane Brignall, Paul Williams, Lisa Smith, Stephen Smith

Apologies: None

Welcome by the chair

Terry opened the AGM at 6pm and welcomed the committee and the public.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 30th June 2020 were signed as a true record of proceedings.

TB explained to the public present that from the close of the AGM, the Vhall would close until further notice, to comply with UK Govt COVID guidelines. The Vhall has been able to temporarily suspend water rates and council tax payments and with confirmation from the user groups that they will not be hiring the hall until further notice, it would not be financially viable to reopen anyway.

Annual Report

Terry gave full details of the contents of the Annual Report (copy attached) and would like to thank everyone for all their help and support with village events throughout the year whether a committee member or just a helper. The race night in 2019 was a success again and during the year the hall income was up and expenditure down. It was a quiet year for maintenance with the only major costs being the electrics which had been upgraded to comply with insurance requirements. The electrician did point out that the caballing will need to be upgraded before the next inspection which is due in 2024. The vhall finance is in a stable position however 2020 will be very different as we have been closed since 18th March 2020.

Treasurer's Report

A statement of accounts was prepared for the financial year end 31st December 2019.

A copy is attached.

Balances as at 31st December 2019

Community Account	£2779.00
Business Account	£2167
Petty Cash	£265
Total	£5211

The committee agreed that the figures presented are a true representation of the statement of affairs. Joanne Williams kindly independently approved them for year 2019.

JB confirmed that Vhall received a government grant in April of £10,000 due to the Covid situation, this has boosted the Vhall accounts and will hopefully see us through this unprecedented and uncertain time.

Matters arising from previous meeting

TB explained the VH Community Survey had been carried out and also that a Surveyor had been commissioned to carry out a Building Condition Survey Vhall and that report had now been received. Following advice from ACRE and the Charities Commission, these surveys and future documents would be made available for the village community to view and had been placed on the Glatton Village website under village hall. It was agreed at the last meeting by the committee members to form a Village Hall Development "Action Group" to research all possible avenues and costs associated with both the refurbishment and rebuilding of the Vhall. The Vhall Chairman, Terry Brignall would lead the Action Group along with Neil Varnham and Ian Buckingham and a Fund Raising Manager when one could be found.

TB closed the meeting and requested that all committee members stand down.

Appointment and Election of the management committee (Trustees) 2020/2021

People present were invited to stand as committee members for the year 2020/2021.

Brian Hackman thought there should be a 3rd independent woman on the committee but unfortunately there were no new volunteers.

The new committee members were then elected and are as follows:

Terry Brignall - Chairman
Jane Brignall – Treasurer and Bookings Clerk
Lisa Smith – Secretary
Paul Williams – Vice Chairman representing the Parish Council
Stephen Smith – Trustee

The meeting was then opened to the public.

Open Meeting and Any Other Business

Development of Vhall

The new "AG" will conduct a study using the Community Survey and the Building Condition Survey reports as a basis to come up with a range of "costed options" for both rebuilding and refurbishing the Vhall for consideration by the Vhall Committee. This will be a very detailed and time consuming project and will involve costings on all aspects of the problems the Vhall is facing. The Vhall has the asbestos problem, windows are blown, the building has zero insulation, heating is inefficient and expensive, the chimney has been condemned, the walls require underpinning to name but a few.

All publications will be available for viewing by the public and an Open Meeting will be held at which the community will be briefed on the findings and options to move the project forward.

We realise that the Vhall is a critical part of our lovely village and we need to consider all options and keep open minds on the way forward but know that we really need to keep a building for future generations to enjoy. We also acknowledge that anything we do will need a considerable amount of funds and will need to work with the parish council and the villagers to explore all avenues of raising a substantial amount of money. An audit trail will be kept to record funds awarded by all sources including government and local council grants/awards, lottery, heritage grants, personal donations and a myriad of other fundraising streams.

Fundraising for the Vhall needs to be started straight away and TB is actively looking for someone to take on the role of Fundraising Manager. We have had a donation already from a member of the community and JB has already set up a dedicated fundraising account for the Vhall from which funds are protected and cannot be used for any other purpose. An Ebay shop has been discussed and considered a good idea by the people present and also the possibility of doing yard sales around the village so people can if they would like to donate the funds or part of the funds to the Vhall project.

Helen Ford asked for a timescale for the project and at the moment the committee do not know but acknowledge that it would be a fairly lengthy process, but the likelihood was that it would be a 5-10 year project.

Closure of Vhall during Covid

SS mentioned he is concerned about any personal liability claim that could be brought to the trustees if we were to open up the Vhall during this Covid pandemic, which was highlighted in an official document issued by the government for Vhall hire and use. He is also concerned about the deterioration of the asbestos roof and for how long it will be okay without intervention.

Everyone is acting in the interest of the village and will monitor the Covid situation and will get the Vhall fully functioning as soon as is safe to do so following government guidelines.

Date of the next meeting - TBA

The meeting ended at 7pm