

Buckland Brewer Village Hall Committee

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19 November 2014

1. Welcome:

The Chair welcomed all those present and explained the process for the evening.

2. Address by Chair of Parish Council:

Jim Lowe, Chair of the Parish Council, made a short presentation regarding the new housing development and the community land that would accrue from it, namely:

Land for the village school,

Land for the village hall, and

Land for a football field.

In order to take the village hall project forward we need to own the land, The Parish Council is negotiating with the developer for the land for the school and the village hall to be transferred. The Parish Council has already agreed that once received, it will transfer the village hall land to the village hall committee. Hopefully this will occur in early 2015.

3. Progress in 2014:

The public were invited to review the display of the progress and actions that had taken place over the past year.

8.10pm Formal AGM

Present: Trevor Mills (Chair), Jane Lowe, Jim Lowe, David Watson, Steve Harding, Catherine Fry, Dawn Dziurzynski, Alex Dziurzynski, Sophie Grills, Kevin Lobb, Tom Lloyd, Barbara Babb, George Tilley, Shirley Tilley, Alan Sutton and eight members of the public.

4. Apologies: None.

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2013:

That the minutes as circulated be signed as a correct record. Proposed – Jane Lowe, Seconded – Dave Watson and agreed.

6. Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda: None.

7. Chair's Report:

Trevor Mills thanked all of the members of the committee for their work over the year.

He noted the achievement of parts 1 & 2 of the Hallmark Accreditation. This would last for three years before it needs to be reconfirmed. The achievement had required a considerable amount of work and he thanked those members involved.

Also, he paid tribute to Nicky Grist for her work over the years and to the vice chair for her support.

Chairman's Initials

8. Treasurer's Report:

Kevin Lobb explained the accounts and the changes affecting this year compared to the previous year.

- Trading income for the hall was similar but donation income was considerably higher.
- Maintenance expenditure was much higher than previous years, because of the backlog and the need to maintain the hall to a reasonable condition for users.
- The New Village Hall Fund had seen increased income.
- Overall the funds have increased from £37,539.42 at the start of the year to £40,765.91, with £3,982.38 for the Village Hall and £36,783.53 for the New Village Hall Fund.

Following a comment from the Chair it was agreed that Fete should be shown as a contribution and not a donation as the Village Hall is part for the Fete Committee.

9. New Community Hall:

Jane Lowe outlined the work, progress, decisions and events that had taken place over the past year.

The current hall has reached the end of its working life and cannot be adapted to meet the requirements for today's standards such as facilities for disabled and car parking.

Grant funding is becoming more difficult to obtain. Lottery funding is beyond our capabilities and any bid will take several years to undertake and is likely to be unsuccessful because of their increased requirements. However we have been successful in obtaining a Grant from the Bridge Trust.

The challenges for the coming year are:

- Fundraising in the community and seeking grant funding on a wider scale.
- Reduced design for the new hall with architects costs and costs associated with obtaining planning permission for the redevelopment of current hall.
- Re-tendering for the construction of the new hall and any planning implications that may arise.

House sales are progressing and the sale of the 19th house, which will trigger the release of the S106 funds, will take place next year.

10. Invitation by Chair to General Public to Offer Service as a Trustee:

The Chair invited those present to offer their service as a trustee or support in any capacity to help in the running of the hall or a function. Also, he asked those present to canvass others to assist.

11. Appointments:

That the representatives of the affiliated organisations be appointed as trustees. Proposed – Shirley Tilley, Seconded – John Bridge and agreed.

Bowls – George Tilley
Young Farmers – Tom Lloyd
Parish Council – Jim Lowe
W.I. – Barbara Babb
Church & Chapel – Dave Watson
School – Dawn Dziurzynski
Playing Field Association – Alan Sutton
Pre-school – Catherine Fry
Gardeners' Club – Steve Harding

It was noted that the skittles have still to make a nomination.

That other persons to be appointed as trustees. Proposed – Dave Watson, Seconded – Steve Harding and agreed.

Trevor Mills
Jane Lowe
Kevin Lobb
Shirley Tilley
Sophie Grills

12. Election of Officers

The following were elected unopposed:

Position	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Trevor Mills	Jane Lowe	Dave Watson
Vice Chair	Jane Lowe	Trevor Mills	Alan Sutton
Treasurer	Kevin Lobb	Alex Dziurzynski	Jim Lowe
Secretary	Steve Harding	Jane Lowe	Trevor Mills
Bookings Secretary	Dawn Dziurzynski	Jane Lowe	Kevin Lobb
Project Liaison Officer	Jane Lowe	Dawn Dziurzynski	Dave Watson
Functions Officer	Dawn Dziurzynski	Barbara Babb	Jane Lowe

The possibility of establishing a position of press/publicity officer was raised. It was felt that this should be referred to the next committee meeting for consideration.

13. The Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.44 p.m.

Signed..... Date.....