

# PIDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

14TH MAY 2024 7.30PM

CHAIRMAN MIKE NEWBURY

- 1. Welcome** - Mike Newbury welcomed everyone to the meeting and copies of the previous AGM minutes were available.
- 2. Apologies** - none were received.
- 3. Declaration of Trustees Interests.** - Mike and Mario are on the parish council. However this will change as Mario is standing down from the Village Hall Committee, whilst Mike will resign from the Parish Council at the next Parish AGM.
- 4. Treasurer's report** - Chris handed out a report and explained the figures and answered all questions.
- 5. Review of events of the year.** Some highlights over the last 12 months. The solar panel and battery installation in May and June, has turned the building into a small eco power station. A first aid refresher in July, run by Al and his team, and attended mostly by the committee. I think the biggest surprise for the trainers was the number of chainsaws in the village. Piddington artist exhibition at the end of September and the start of October. Wine tasting in November. Christmas market at the end of November. A village walkabout for Mario and Mike in January to try and encourage as many people as possible into signing up for the 200 club. Music quiz in March with the best wooden spoons to be found. Oxford art week at the start of May. This is alongside the regular events, from the bowlers, art group, patchers and crafters to the pop up pubs.
- 6. Mario** - The committee thanked Mario for all the work he has put in over the many years he has been the go to guy for anything technical – and anything else.
- 7. Solar panels.** - We've now had the solar panels for the last 12 months, and as well as providing free power to the village hall, a fair amount of income from exporting surplus, it's also giving us more resilience as a village in the event of us needing it. This is something the resilience team is continuing to review and improve.
- 8. Looking forward to the next 12 months.** - Dates for the diary include: Line dancing commencing Thursday (16th) at 7pm. Bingo 21st June - October art show - Christmas market 23rd November. As well as the usual pop up pubs, we will try and organise another wine tasting later in the year. Any suggestions are welcome from the Piddington community. Barn dancing was suggested as well as a Burns Night Supper.
- 9. New members.** The committee made an appeal for volunteers to join or assist the committee. Not only would we like to see more committee members joining and helping make the village hall even better, but we also need people to help us organise and run the Christmas market in November. If anyone would like to volunteer for either of these, please come and speak with us, or get in touch. Two people volunteered to join the committee and will be confirmed at the next meeting.

**10. Re-election of the trustees** - All trustees/committee members agreed to stand for a further 12 months. All were re-elected.

**11. Any other business.** - The state of the car park was mentioned, and what if anything was happening with the village hall lease. This is still ongoing in discussion with the Council but favourable terms have been agreed we are just awaiting paperwork.

**12. Meeting closed at 8.37pm. A complimentary glass of wine was served.**