

# BRAMPTON ABBOTTS VILLAGE HALL

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting

at Bridstow Village Hall

on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.45pm

### Present

Committee members: Robert Lewis (Chair), Ray Wallace (Treasurer), Leila Dawson (Secretary), Maddie Casey, Jeannette Hatcher, Gwyneth Lewis, Alice Marshall, Sue Marshall, Pauline Wallace, George Watts, Nora Watts.

Parishioners: of whom 41 voted

Tellers: Geoff and Julie Balsom

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Apologies for Absence; David Teague, Rosemary Knapp

3. Resignation of current committee

The Secretary explained that the unconventional order of business was an attempt to avoid parishioners having to wait a long time for the election count to take place. It had been felt that it would be better that this should take place while the Chair's and Treasurer's reports were being given. No-one objected to this arrangement.

4. Election of committee by Secret Ballot

The Chair and Secretary were unopposed. There were 3 nominations for Treasurer and 8 nominations for 4 ordinary committee member places.

5. Minutes of the last AGM

Matters arising: The surname of George and Nora Watts had been incorrectly recorded as Rudge.

Maddie Casey had not been recorded as present.

The minutes were then accepted and signed.

6. Chair's Annual Report

There had been no functions as the Hall is still not repaired. The committee had worked hard over the past six months to cope with a very complex situation. Funding for the repairs will be sought via a Public Works Board Loan, applied for by the Parish Council, and Lynda Wilcox, Chief Executive of HALC, is advising on the best way to approach this. There is a lot of work ahead, both for the committee and the Parish Council and nothing will happen quickly.

Leila Dawson was thanked for stepping into the Secretary's role in December. Ray Wallace was thanked for keeping a check on the electricity and water bills as neither company seems to believe that the Hall is closed. Thanks were also extended to Gwyneth Lewis for cutting the grass and to Pauline Wallace for the cleaning. The members of the community were thanked for their backing.

## 7. Treasurer's Report

It had been a funny year as there was little income except for the valuable contribution from Oak House for the use of the car park and their use of the Hall while it was still open. The Carol Singers had generously donated their takings and there had been a private donation. Money from the insurance claim amounted to £25,139.15.

There continued to be expenditure, including standing charges for electricity and water, and estimated bills had to be contested. The cost of cleaning had been carried forward from the previous year as the bill had not been received in time for inclusion in the earlier accounts.

A question was put as to the appointment of an auditor for the coming year. The Chair explained that this would be dealt with by the new committee

The payment of £6876 to a plasterer was queried. The Chair explained that this was the builder who had taken down the ceiling. Scaffolding had been needed as well as two skips which had not been removed for some time. The Hall had not had to pay for the plasterboard which is still standing in the car park.

## 8. Election Results

The following were elected:

Chair Robert Lewis – unopposed

Treasurer Alyx Miller-Hall 36 votes

Secretary Leila Dawson – unopposed

Committee members Lina King 32 votes

Nicoletta Lillette 38 votes

Alison O'Brien 38 votes

Keith Thomas 37 votes

Appointed Alice Marshall Representative nominated by Oak House

## 9. A.O.B.

In response to questions the Chair explained that the loan to pay for the Hall repairs would be repaid by an increase in the Parish Precept. This would have to be approved by a majority of the parishioners. A business plan and explanation of the finances would be delivered to each household and responses requested. This survey would be carried out by the Parish Council as it is they who have to apply for the loan. The paperwork accompanying the application has to be very carefully produced if it was to gain approval. The PC had been advised that in the last year 10 applications had been made in the county and 6 had been approved.

The Chair concluded the meeting by thanking the retiring committee for all their work over many years and for their offers to continue helping when needed.

The new committee was asked to consider at their first meeting whether they wished to retain the services of the Refurbishment sub-group.