

BRAMPTON ABBOTTS VILLAGE HALL

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

At Bridstow Village Hall

on Tuesday 7th June 2022 at 7.45pm

Present

Committee Members; Robert Lewis (Chair), Mike O'Brien (Treasurer), Ali O'Brien, Graham Marsh, Alice Marshall, Diana Tabernacle

Parishioners: Leila Dawson (Acting Secretary) and 26 others

Tellers: Teresa Grindon, Sue Meek

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence; John Berry

3. Resignation of Current Trustees

The unconventional order of business was to allow the election count to take place while the reports were being given.

4. Election of Committee by Secret Ballot

The nominations for Chair, Treasurer and Secretary were unopposed. There were 5 nominations for 4 Trustee positions.

5. Minutes of the last AGM

These were accepted and signed.

6. Chair's Annual Report

After many difficulties and much 'red tape' progress is finally being made on the repairs to the Hall. The only activity since the last AGM has been an Open Day to gauge the support for re-opening the Hall.

7. Retirement of Chair

Robert explained that he is standing down as Chair after at least 10 years in post. He was living in the village when the Hall was opened and has been greatly honoured to be the Chair and represent the village.

He expressed his gratitude to all members of the committees over the years, and in particular to Mike O'Brien as current Treasurer and to Leila Dawson who has been Secretary.

Robert thanked his wife Gwyneth for putting up with his moods after difficult meetings, for cutting the grass and for her general support. He concluded by wishing the new Trustees all the best for the future and offered his practical support whenever it might be needed.

Robert was then presented with an engraved whisky glass and a bottle of whisky as thanks for his service.

Leila Dawson took over as Chair until the election results were announced.

8. Treasurer's Report – accounts attached

A summary of the accounts was presented with the full version available on request. In brief, the year started with a balance of £47.5K. After income of £18,400, expenditure of £3,100 and £33,000 to the builder for the replacement of the roof, the sum of £29,500 will be left for further work to re-open the Hall. The Parish Council have offered to fund a specific project once costs are known.

The following people were thanked for their contributions to the Village Hall project:

Ali O'Brien for producing the new Village Hall logo

Tim Gaunt of Site Doctor for constructing the website, with suggestions from Graham Marsh

Ali O'Brien for adding the content to the website

Nick Tabernacle for constructing the Facebook page

Diana Tabernacle assisted by Graham Marsh for achieving grants to a total of £24,500 to £28,500

Further applications will be made to The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Fund and the National Lottery

The email addresses were pointed out - admin@bavhall.co.uk
enquiries@bavhall.co.uk

9. Renovation Project Update

The current works should be completed by the mid to end of June, but which time the building will be watertight. The new Trustee team will then begin to create an internal refurbishment programme. It is estimated that, with approved grants and sponsorship, between £46,800 and £50,800 in total will be available, before further grant applications and support from the Parish Council.

The new committee objectives could include co-opting additional Trustees, producing a costed budget plan, chasing all available funding, setting up volunteer groups, promoting co-operation between the Village Hall, the Parish Council and BARG, and attracting a younger demographic.

10. Election Results

The following were elected:

Chair	Jonathan Evans – unopposed
Treasurer	Mike O’Brien – unopposed
Secretary	Hayley Bird – unopposed

Committee members:	John Berry	29 votes
	Brian Miller-Hall	25 votes
	Ali O’Brien	32 votes
	Diana Tabernacle	32 votes

Oak House Nursery Representative: Alice Marshall

At this point Jon Evans took the Chair

11. A.O.B.

- a) Is there an opening for a President? This will be investigated.
- b) To keep the village informed the website will be updated monthly and information will go on the noticeboards. There is a need to explore more ways to reach people, in particular those who do not use the internet.
- c) Financing – the Village Hall had to top-up the Public Works Loan because of a shortfall. It should now be possible to plan the finances.
- d) What scope is there for volunteering? The website has a section for volunteering. It is hoped to establish a database of people in the village with specific skills who would be prepared to help as necessary.