

COGENHOE AND WHISTON PLAYING FIELDS AND VILLAGE HALL

AGM - November 16th 2016

Present_ Jon Bailey, Dan Barrett, Tessa Darby, Gareth Goddard, Jean Grubb, Maurice Jaynoy, Amanda O'Leary, Elizabeth Packer, Malcolm Scott, Iris Sher and Albert Stanton.

Apologies_ None

2015 Minutes Accepted, proposed by Albert Stanton seconded by Iris Sher.

Matters arising - None

Chairman's report (Jon Bailey)

Organisation

The village hall and playing field has a management committee which consists of representatives from village organisations, a small number of other villagers and 4 members of the parish council. All this specified in the Trust Deeds that specifies rules as to how we should run the village hall.

We currently have representatives from Heritage Society, Pre-school, Football Club, Football teams, Discussion Group and Ladies Fellowship and the 4 parish council representatives. Since the last AGM I was elected as Chairman to replace the very long serving Terry Tarpley. Maurice Jaynoy also stood down as Vice Chairman after many years in the role. We have also elected as vice chairman Tessa Darby, the secretary Jean Grubb and most importantly the bookings secretary and treasurer is Elizabeth Packer.

Finances

I will let Elizabeth speak about the current finances but in summary the income from hiring out the hall and playing fields has comfortably exceeded the running costs for the last year and we expect this to continue over the next year. We did increase slightly the hire costs (the first time it has been increased for many years) and this has contributed to our good finances.

Highlights of the Year

Nothing specifically to do with the management committee but the very successful Picnic in the Park held July. We hope that the next one will be held in 2018.

A number of other things small and large have happened over the year.

The purchase (with a grant from Parish Council) of a new cleaning machine has significantly improved the cleaning of the hall of course greatly assisted by our cleaning lady Amanda O'Leary.

We have a yearly inspection of the play area by Wicksteed and following that minor work was carried out.

Outside woodwork, York room and kitchen has been painted. We will continue work to improve the appearance of the hall.

Film Club investigated but no progress so far.

Goal posts need to be replaced as they are now showing their age.

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Village Hall Improvement

I will let Dan Barrett speak about this subject but in summary we are attempting to move this forward and as soon as we have anything to say to the village we will do so.

Village Hall Users

We have a number of regular users of the hall including the pre-school, tumble tots (during the day in the school term), a number of dog clubs and a number of village organisations including a monthly village youth club for the 8-13 year olds. We also have an increasing number of 'one-off' bookings for parties and similar.

Play Area Replacement

We have started to look at replacing the play area as it now starting to show its age. We have asked a couple of firms to give us some ideas on what we might install. When we have this we will be consulting the users of the play area (or maybe their parents) likely with an exhibition in the village hall after the end of school time.

Car Park Improvements

We are currently looking into various options to resurface the car park. We hope to get this done soon.

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The balance sheet prepared by Elizabeth had previously been circulated. The auditor Mike Hamborg has checked them and is satisfied with them. Due to careful hall management, income has increased whilst costs have been reduced. Over £7,000 has been accrued in profits this year. A rebate on the electricity bill will reduce monthly payments.

The report was unanimously accepted, proposed by Maurice Jaynoy and seconded by Albert Stanton. Elizabeth was thanked for her sterling efforts in managing the hall and the finances.

Resignation of all committee members In accordance with trust rules all committee members resigned.

New list of representative members

<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>ORGANISATION</u>
Jon Bailey	Parish Council
Tessa Darby	"
Jean Grubb	"
Malcolm Scott	"
Elizabeth Packer	St. Peter's Ladies Fellowship
Albert Stanton	Heritage Society
Iris Sher	Discussion Group
Maurice Jaynoy	Football Club
Bogi Enyedi-Lourity	Pre-school
Gareth Goddard	Football Teams

Election of new committee members.

Dan Barrett was duly elected supported by Kate Coulson and Jean Grubb

Summary from Village Hall Development Sub-Committee. (Dan Barrett)

Since the 2015 AGM we have received feedback on the plans we had made for how we would like to see the village redeveloped. SNC gave agreement to our plans with a few amendments.

We subsequently reviewed our fundraising plans as it had become clear that the funds initially found were either no longer available or had dramatically reduced in size.

The decision was therefore made to investigate alternative methods of raising the necessary sums, which if found to be feasible could be presented to the village for discussion. A pre-app was submitted which was not supported by SNC.

The sub-committee has thoroughly investigated our options regarding raising the sums required and has decided that it is not feasible to proceed with the larger scale project.

We are now investigating how to form a series of smaller scale projects to improve the hall over a longer timescale.

Jean Grubb.

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