

**BRENT KNOLL PARISH HALL COMMITTEE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

HELD ON

9TH MAY 2016 at 7:30pm

Present: Messrs E Fuller, J Page, M Hares & A Castle
Mesdames B Ward, J Butters (arrived during Treasurer's Report) & S Few

Apologies: Messrs R Filmer, S Russell & R Bream
Mesdames S Joyce & K Russell

Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th May 2015 had been circulated. Proposed by AC and seconded by BW that the minutes were a true and accurate record, agreed by all and signed.

Chairman's Report: As RF was unable to attend the meeting EF took the chair and read out the report written by RF. 2015 has been another busy year for the Parish Hall Committee. Committee members again helped at the Wassail. The 200+ Club and the monthly Bazaars have continued to be very popular. The very enjoyable evening's entertainment from Gracie Wickens-Sweet and the Coastline Singers. The Fete was again very successful. The Music on the Green with Tim Pitman which saw many families attending, Open Gardens with the Guides, Jay Jerome evening, the bar at the Beethoven evening, and the Harvest Supper with the Mangled Wurzels were both profitable and enjoyable. Unfortunately, we missed the Howden Jones evening when their tour bus broke down and unfortunately BAD were unable to put on their usual entertaining production, due to insufficient performers.

It is always surprising to look back at just how much has happened during the preceding year; a new safety barrier for the boiler was installed in the table store room, the utility room and lobbies were painted, works were carried out to the double glazed windows and front door, the front tarmac was repaired when a small sink hole appeared, an extractor fan was installed in the kitchen and table store and a ventilation duct was added in the table store as well. A new amplifier and speakers were purchased when the old ones blew up and finally Tim Hannah very kindly helped sort out the Land Registry to make sure the deeds reflected the true extent of the grounds of the Parish Hall. This work was carried out free of charge. Welcome to Steve Russell who joined the Committee during this year. As you can see it has been another busy year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole Committee for their support and efforts to keep our hall the vibrant heart of the community that it has become. Everyone has worked hard at their various jobs and in helping to organise and put on many fundraising events. 2016 has started well and I hope it will be another successful year for the Parish Hall. EF thanked RF for his hard work and Committee agreed.

Treasurer's Report: JP handed out the Accounts – please see over – and said the hiring of the Hall is down this year. The private local occasional users are down on last year. Bank interest very slightly up. Fund raising similar to last year – Harvest Supper profit slightly up, Jay Jerome evening made a good profit. Bazaars – please see over – MH thought there was an extra Bazaar in the previous year. Donations: John Harris (Wassail) £3,000, Nuttall Trust/Sedgemoor DC £2,000. 200+ Club members slightly down. Water rates down this year, the electricity meter has been correctly read and so electricity costs are down. Users are leaving central heating on when they leave the building. Cost of land line and broadband are slightly up. Cleaning/Housekeeping is slightly down. Insurance is slightly up and JP said he is making enquiries about changing to another Insurance Company, in the hope that the cost

will be cheaper. Maintenance is up as work carried out. Small amount for out of date bar stock. Charity Bank interest is substantially down. Fundraising covers Charity Bank payments and the hiring of the Hall pays for the general running and maintenance of the building. This year has been another successful year for the Parish Hall, with extra amounts paid off our mortgage, both from our own fund-raising and from the hire of the hall, though slightly down on last year, covered our basic costs and some general decoration and additions to the premises (Revenue is not accounted for on a booking period, but on an as paid basis, so may not truly reflect a given year's income). Fund raising exceeded the basic costs of our mortgage, allowing us to repay extra capital, bringing our repayment period down substantially. We start the new year with healthy bank balances allowing us to maintain our objective of retaining one year's mortgage repayments in reserve, whilst still having sufficient funds for unusual running costs.

Outstanding amounts (Charity Bank: 12/5/2014 - £45,299.56, 12/5/2015 - £30,508.68, 12/5/2016 - £15,775.71. MH thanked JP for compiling the accounts and for the work he does throughout the year – Committee agreed.

Booking Secretary's Report: JB said the bookings have been good over the year, but bookings for the Jubilee Room could be better. Holywell and the Foster Care service are not using the Jubilee Room as much. Tuesday afternoon is the only free afternoon in the Hall. Table Tennis now use the Hall on Wednesday evenings after Guides, but they need to sort out table tennis tables. The Jubilee Room is being used once a month on a Sunday – Slimming World use it for three hours. Slimming World would like an evening slot, but nothing is free. The Rainbows no longer use the Hall as they have moved to the school. MH thanked JB for looking after the bookings. Committee agreed.

Election of Committee: EF said there are four vacant spaces for organisation representatives on the Committee – Parish Council, Parochial Church Council, Guides & Brownies and Women's Institute. SF wrote to these organisations asking if there was a representative who would like to attend the meetings. There is no-one from the Women's Institute and Parish Council who could attend the meetings, but as yet SF has not received replies from the other organisations. BW proposed and JB seconded that the elected members of the committee be re-elected en-bloc (R Filmer, J Page, S Joyce, M Hares and S Few) – proposal carried.

REPRESENTATIVES:

- Bella Ward – Royal British Legion (Women's Section)
- Eddie Fuller – Royal British Legion (Men's Section)
- Alan Castle – Short Mat Bowls
- Karen Russell – Good Companions
- Jenny Butters – Dog Club
- Vacant - Parish Council
- Vacant - Parochial Church Council
- Vacant - Brownies & Guides
- Vacant - Women's Institute

Meeting ended at 8:05pm

Chairman..... Date.....