

BELLINGDON AND ASHERIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Reg. Charity No. 1087494

Minutes of Annual General Meeting Held on Tuesday 9th July 2019 at 8.00pm

At Bellingdon Village Hall

Present: Barbara Baker (BB), Anne Gurnsey (AG), Marjorie Davies (MD), Jane Edmunds (JE).

Apologies: Alf Field.

Trustees/ Management Committee Members in attendance

Don Baker (DB), Helen Valvona (HV), Hugh Griffiths (HG), Gary Woodley (GW), Nick Richardson (NR)

Meeting opened at 8.00 pm

Chaired by Hugh Griffiths

1 Minutes of last AGM held on 26th July 2018.

- The minutes were circulated.
- Then they were agreed as a true record and signed.

2 Matters Arising

- MD reminded the committee that last year we talked about a welcome pack for new residents to the village. HV reported that she had started one last year but hadn't managed to progress it. HV to look at this again. HV to provide some to the church and make available on the website for download.
- Name of charity was changed to Bellingdon & Asheridge Community Association but the constitution has not been amended.

3 Chairman's Report for year to 31st March 2019 - Alf Field

See attachment.

Thanks to Chris Hood for staying on as Bookings Secretary until a replacement could be found Jo Richardson has now taken on the bookings role.

Fete continues to be a success – but would not be so without the huge number of volunteers.

Funds used for upkeep of the hall and community events.

70th anniversary of the hall – thanks to Bellingdon Belles and Jane Edmunds for organising Junior and senior Christmas parties were well attended.

Hall has gone keyless, means the bookings secretary doesn't have to be in to give and receive keys

Floor refurbishment has made a big difference – thanks to DB.

Thanks to HV for updating website and newsletter.

Chair asked anyone who would be able to help out for a few hours.

HG added thanks to AF and family for all their time.

DB noted that the bookings secretary role is no longer a voluntary role, we were unable for a long time to find someone to cover the role on a voluntary basis but we have now agreed to pay Jo a small amount (approx. £2,500 per year).

4 Presentation of Trustees Report and Accounts to 31st March 2019

NR took on the role of treasurer last year, DB has been handing over to NR during the year. DB reported that they are now using Quickbooks online to manage the accounts.

DB has produced a summary of the financial position, and full accounts, see attachments. Hiring down slightly, possibly down to lack of larger events (weddings etc) Forro Fest/Rumble a good source of income. Costs have gone up.

Outside there was a slight increase in income from football (better weather), but increased maintenance costs especially for the playground.

Reserves

Mower reserve staying but we're using a contractor for the mowing currently.

Roof – still working on the solution. There is also a possibility of some government funding for solar panels, in line with carbon neutral 2050 aims.

Subsidence - £5k put aside to sort out the side of the building

Additional fencing in playground needed.

Car park - £10k put aside but we need a project manager, possibly Helen Harding

HG thanked DB for his stewardship of the reserves which are at the highest level ever.

The Annual Report and Accounts have been Independently Examined and Approved by Glynn Roberts. Thanks were given to him for giving his time once again.

5 Reports from Village Organisations

Don Baker reported that the **Short Mat Bowls** is in a good state, they have 24 members and last year won the South Bucks two mat league. Single mat league was also successful. Always looking for more members, Monday evening and Wednesday mornings, all welcome.

St John's Church. Jane Edmunds as Community Liaison from the **Bellingdon Church.** Summer weekend was successful, 2020 will be a historical theme. In the summer the Church runs afternoon services. 15th September craft for kids, 22nd Sept Harvest Festival.

Anne Gurnsey – Hort Soc. Lacking committee members so have formed a loose liaison with Chesham Hort Soc.

Pilates and table tennis still going.

New dance school starting in September – EMC Dance.

6 Election of Trustees of the Committee of Management

New volunteers always welcome, you don't have to be on the committee.

Alf Field, Helen Valvona, Hugh Griffiths Nick Richardson as Treasurer, Don Baker, Gary Woodley – proposed by AG and seconded by BB.

We are still on the hunt for a Secretary.

7 Any Other Business

JE asked how often the keycode is changed. HV reports that there are three keycodes which are changed at regular intervals. AG noted that the annex is not on the keyless system which means someone still needs

Fete – do we still need it in the current format? It is so weather dependent and takes a huge amount of volunteer time.

AG pointed out that it appeals for everyone from 7 to 70, and some people she knows it's the only village event that they come to.

GW mentioned the possibility of a classic car show. HG to speak to John Priest to see if he could organise.

HG asked AG if they might consider having the Dalmatian dog show in conjunction with the fete. AG to ask her committee if they are interested.

JE suggested a craft fair, like Hyde Heath.

The meeting closed at 21:07

Everyone was invited to stay for drinks and cheese and biscuits

Date of next meeting- **to be announced**