

**Wreningham Village Hall Charity
Committee (2017)
Annual General Meeting
Wreningham Village Hall
Sunday 5 November 2017 , 4.00 pm**

Present:

Committee 2017 - Michael Hill, Maxine Wadlow, Ian Holloway, Graham Cormack, Jill Hustler, Bil Billham, Hugh Glaves, Jon Moon, Mark Francis

Members of the public - Paul Askham, Christine Moss, Sharon Quinsee, Lee Sheratt, David Minns, Trevor Wadlow, Samantha Moon

1 Apologies: none.

2. Opening comments by the Chair:

Michael Hill explained that there would be two meetings: the AGM followed by a committee meeting. The AGM is about reporting back to the community and once that is finished the existing committee is dissolved, in accordance with our constitution . Volunteers from the parish are then invited to become committee members and trustees of the Wreningham Village Hall Charity for the coming year. Three officers are required: Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. If there are more than nine volunteers then an election takes place. Residents of the parish, over the age of 17yrs, are eligible to vote.

3. Chair's Report:

Although it has not yet been a full year for the existing committee, which took charge in February 2017, it has been very busy.

Rebranding as the Witch & Wren Community Bar is ongoing.

The Charity Commission is becoming more demanding, in terms of finances, procedure and meeting the aims of our Charity. A number of new documents have been created and accepted by the committee in order to address this , and to raise trustees' awareness of the importance of the Charity Commission's regulations and communications.

The main hall is well used - thanks were given to everyone for their work. The monthly carvery started as a trial and is now a successful and regular event. The fireworks event last night was very successful, both financially and socially. Regular hirers generally stay with us, though some will be ceasing soon. The school uses the car park on week days and the main hall for wet play and other events on their calendar. We have a good number of ad hoc bookings for parties, meetings etc. We need to consider who else might be able to use the facilities and how we can help them do so.

Discussion and planning around what we can do to improve our services and facilities are ongoing. Projects under consideration are: new windows in the MP Room, decoration of the main hall and MP room, lighting in the main hall.

Financially, things are sound.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Graham Cormack handed out copies of the accounts, with accompanying notes, showing income and expenditure for the year ended 30 September 2017. This year has been one of consolidation, with the former social club and village hall accounts becoming aligned. We have a year end surplus of £8344.54. There is still a bill to pay for the Christmas Party and it is hoped that we can cover this with ticket sales so that the event is self financing.

Electricity is a major expense. We are tied into a contract for the next 12 months and will then look at it again. A smart meter is also under consideration.

5. Invitation to serve on the committee for the year 2017-2018:

All existing trustees were willing to stand. There were no other volunteers, therefore no election was required.

6. Closing comments by the Chair:

Michael Hill thanked everyone for attending the meeting.