

Garvald Village Hall Trust – Minutes of meeting 16th January 2024 – Hall, 7.30 pm

Present – Gary McGregor **GM** Chair, Richard Brand **RB**, Tom Edmonds **TE**, Brian Hills **BE** Treasurer, Anne Rait **AR**, Sarah Ramsay **SR** Trustee, Philip White **PW** Chair of Garvald and Morham Community Council **CC**

Apologies – Shirley Evatt **SE** Secretary, Lee Robertson **LR**

Appointment of Office Bearers

GM agreed to stay on as Chair for another year

SE had advised prior to meeting that she would remain as Secretary for a further year

BH resigned as Treasurer and TE agreed to take role on

BH will prepare and arrange a full handover with TE

Minutes of the last committee meeting of 30th August 2024 were approved as a true and accurate account.

Matters Arising from previous meeting;

- CC agreed to supply £7500 for structural investigations of the hall – the chair expressed his thanks
- Thanks were recorded to Isla Evatt and her crew for the successful running of the second coffee morning in conjunction with the table top sale and for the funds raised for the hall
- The Tree surgeon appointed has successfully pruned all the trees on the Green with villagers delighted with the result and increased light in homes adjacent
- Security camera is now once more up and working
- Smart metre has not been activated because the signal is not strong enough, it was agreed e-on should be contacted to request more competitive rate given smart metre not working is not our fault
- Broadband update – Roger Harris from Morham has sent off letter to cabinet ministers and is awaiting feedback

Financial Report

BH provided a Finance Report:

- Treasurers Account Balance £ 191.22
- Contingency Account £ 3879.60
- Deposit Account (used for craft club and Hall survey funds) £9365.17
- BH advised no payment has been received from Post Office for use of the hall since September 2022, **GM to chase for payment**
- Craft Club have received funds from CC as forward payment to set up and run club, £1000 has been paid to GVHT to hold on their behalf and will be used for hall hire, payment of Guest Speakers etc however it was noted that the Craft Club should manage and monitor the finances and not assume this is being done by GVHT
- BH/TE to undertake projected spend/income for year ahead in light of the weddings booked
- Calor Gas will not deliver any more gas until the vegetation has been cut down around the tank – **BH to action**

- Business Stream been chasing for money but BH advised GVHT has charity status and so no payment due
- BH will prepare handover pack and set up meeting with TE

GM expressed thanks to BH on behalf of committee for many years input and commitment to GVHT and to TE for agreeing to take over as Treasurer

Booking Secretary Report;

Update provided by Laura Edmonds LE New Booking Secretary

It was noted the year had ended well with the hall hosting a very well attended annual Christmas dinner for the village , a children's Christmas ceilidh and the famous hogmanay hoolie

For 2024 there are a number of bookings in place as follows;

- Regular activities of table tennis, the post office, drama club and the playgroup continue
- 2 private local children's parties booked for January
- A new Craft group begins on the 17th of Jan and is running over the coming months
- The GMCC are hosting along with Home energy advice a renewables event on sat 3rd of Feb, for anyone interested to attend.
- GMCC meeting will continue to take place
- Drama club planned for Easter
- Lucy Place which is a local community interest company who are launching projects in the community and want to tell us all about what they are offering on the 20th March at 6.30
- The CTC are having their annual cycle and lunch in the hall in April

There are also 5 confirmed weddings for the year ahead, 2 in June, 2 in August and 1 in September.

One couple have had a viewing with regards booking for 2025.

Graham Barnes requested the GVHT committee check the maintenance book regularly to ensure any issues are rectified promptly.

No maintenance issues were reported

Matters Arising;

LE reported discrepancies between listed Hall fees on website – RB will liaise with LE and rectify

SE had advised prior to meeting that she is awaiting reports from Architect and Structural Engineer further to Hall Surveys being carried out

Evidence of Mice in kitchen, situation to be monitored and if no improvement research into sonor type repellent

A cleaning and sorting the kitchen session was suggested for the committee/village and perhaps there was a need for the kitchen to be given a deep clean before the various weddings this year

There was a discussion around a village funday and if there might be appetite for one to happen this year, RB to discuss with Chiara as she had previously expressed interest to PW

It was agreed there should be a post on Garvald.org to remind villagers that the hall is available should any locals wish to arrange any kind of event and that the members of the Committee would support, one suggestion was a May Ball

PW will speak to Garvald Horticultural society as to whether there are plans for them to arrange a Plant Sale, it was suggested that there could be a tie-up with some kind of coffee morning to raise funds for the hall

PW also reported that the Garvald Horticultural Society had spent money on daffodil bulbs and planned to plant them in the Orchard – the committee all thought this was a super idea and the chair expressed his thanks to them.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.