

# ISLE ABBOTTS VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

## MINUTES FROM AGM

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Present:** Susan Vickery (Chair), David Sutcliffe (Treasurer), Lesley Sutcliffe (Secretary), Susan Robson (Booking Secretary), Maureen Boyman, Liz Lockley, Robbie Robson, Peter Herbert, Fiona Hillman, Julia Bull, Boo Grieve, Emily Colenso, Claire Smith, Di Cleal, Sara Bannister, Peter and Gaynor Watts.

**Apologies:** None

Susan Vickery welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Minutes of the previous AGM** (May 18<sup>th</sup> 2022) – Lesley Sutcliffe read out the minutes from the previous AGM and were approved and signed by Susan Vickery.

**Matters Arising** – Peter Herbert queried why there had been no minutes posted on the village website since 2019. There is no legal requirement for this to be done but LS agreed to post the present meeting.

**Chair's Report** - Since the relaxation of Covid restrictions the Village Hall is once again being used for regular activities and village events and the number of bookings has increased. The kitchen refurbishment appears to have boosted the number of private bookings. There was another Jewellery workshop which proved popular and the Summer Ball and Caribbean Evening were both very successful. A Saturday Brunch held on 10 December raised £103.60p for The Children's Hospice SW, a Pop-up Pub was tried on 10 March and proved successful and a RSPB talk about the Somerset levels on 18 March was enjoyed by many. Equipment for the pop-up pub lent by Curry Mallet in the form of a pool table and table tennis have also been enjoyed by the young people in the village and have been offered to us for £25. It was unanimously agreed that we should go ahead and purchase these. The Coronation Weekend was a joint venture, the Village Hall contributed £100 towards the purchase of Coronation Mugs for the children in the village.

**NB** The Trustees Report is available for all to read on the Village Website.

**Treasurer's Report** – David Sutcliffe distributed copies of his report with a full breakdown of audited figures.

TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR – £4,420.61

TOTAL OUTGOINGS - £3,986.66

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE ( at 5/4/2023) £13,836.93 ( From 3 accounts: General, Trust Reserve, Marquee)

It was noted that £600 had been raised from the village choir and David wished to thank Anthony Reynolds for taking over the running of this. As regards the external hiring of the marquee, apart from one outstanding booking, it has been decided to use the marquee only for villagers.

**Booking Secretary's Report** – Susan Robson reiterated that the hall has been used for regular classes and special events.

Susan stated that although she was happy to stand again as Bookings Secretary, she does not wish to be responsible for the hiring and any other arrangements connected to the marquee.

**Election of Officers :**

Chair – Susan Vickery - Proposed Robbie Robson, seconded Liz Lockley

Secretary – Lesley Sutcliffe – Proposed Susan Vickery, seconded Peter Herbert

Treasurer – David Sutcliffe – Proposed Susan Robson, Seconded Susan Vickery

Booking Secretary – Proposed David Sutcliffe, seconded Julia Bull

Both David and Lesley Sutcliffe made it clear that this will be their final year on the committee and will definitely be resigning next year.

**Any Other Business –**

1. Lesley Sutcliffe informed the committee the Parish Council have just paid for new Defibrillator Pads.

2. David S brought forward the idea of joint meetings with those on the social committee. Historically the committee always acted as one. A lengthy discussion took place and in general everyone was in agreement that this would bring new ideas and energy to the committee. There was a concern re the village hall constitution, so please find attached a summary of this for further discussion.

3. Claire Smith expressed a need for a Wifi router for the hall. This would be helpful to accept card payments and more importantly for safety reasons, as there is no signal in the hall for mobile phone use.

**Date of the next AGM- Wednesday 15 May 2024 at 7.30.**

Susan V thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 8.30pm.