

ARNCOTT VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL OPEN MEETING 15TH MAY 2015 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

INTRODUCTION

The former VHMC members resigned in April 2014, and since then I have been acting as Chairman, with support from Neil Thompson, Gwen McEwen and Marion Moore, and Jim May very kindly agreed to become Treasurer. The 'Friends of the Village Hall', namely Chris Dunkin, Tricia Bowen, Josie Procter, and more recently Jo Chiddle have been a great help, especially with ideas for and practical help with fund raising activities. Wendy Wilkins is now running the 300 Club, with Marion remaining as ACA Treasurer.

VHMC meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month, starting at 7.0pm in the Village Hall, except in December, giving eleven meetings per year, and parishioners are welcome to attend these meetings.

VHMC RESPONSIBILITIES

The major responsibilities are to ensure that the village hall and surrounding area are properly maintained, keep the finances in good order, and make sure that the hall is compliant with all the laws and regulations regarding hiring out etc.

FINANCE

Jim May has prepared the Annual Financial Statement, which shows that a profit of £800 was made during the year, mainly due to the net profits from the Fun Day and the Race Night of nearly £1300. The hiring cost for the hall has been increased by £1.00 per hour in an attempt to recoup some of the costs, and there was also a large one-off payment made to British Gas due to their incompetence with our meter readings and bills, so we hope that the situation will improve this year.

Many thanks to Jim for taking this on, he has advised the committee that he will remain as treasurer for a further year, but feels that it will then be time for a younger person to take over.

TRUSTEES

The VHMC is formed from the Trustees, as per the Deed of Trust between the Parish Council and the VHMC. Trustees are either appointed by various village organisations, elected at this meeting, or co-opted by those already in place, and a minimum of 7 are required. At present there are 3 trustees due to be appointed effective today, Neil Thompson and me by the PC and Wendy Wilkins by the ACA. The following people have offered their services as trustees, and I am asking this meeting to elect them. They are Gwen McEwen, Chris Dunkin, Tricia Bowen, and Terry Chiddle. I have proposed each one of them, and Neil Thompson has seconded each of them. If anyone else would like to become a trustee please let us know. Can I now ask for a show of hands to elect the above people as trustees en bloc.

Due to the fact that quite a lot of the organisations that appoint trustees are currently not in existence Anne and I will be looking into rewriting the Deed of Trust to make it more flexible so that as

organisations come and go new ones can have the right to appoint without having to approach the Charity Commissioners each time.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

All the people I have mentioned above have given their time voluntarily to the village hall and the activities that have taken place, and I want to give them a huge thank you for all their efforts, which have meant that your village hall has remained a viable and integral part of the community.

John Cooper
Acting Chairman, Arccott Village Hall Management Committee
14th May 2015