

New Longton Village Hall



Boundary Close, New Longton, Preston, Lancashire, PR4 4YD.

Registered Charity no. 508143

NLVH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 16TH MAY 2023, 7.00pm

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Attendees: Bernard Kershaw, Margaret Kearns, Julie Sharples, Rachael Jameson, David Hodgkinson, Pete Kearns, Judith Kay, Jean Rigby, John Boulton, Alison Johnson, Nick Sumner

Apologies: Mike Taylor

Minutes of last AGM 10th May 2022. Margaret proposed, Rachael seconded. Agreed.

Chairman's Report:

At last years AGM (May 2022) the Chairman reported that following the decline in the impact of COVID it was hoped that the running of the Hall and the work of the Management Committee and the Trustees would return to something like normal.

However by July 2022, the Committee were finalising discussions relating to the huge increase in utility charges which had the potential to cause severe strain on the running cost and that of our regular users. The Committee were therefore very conscious of the need to ensure that our regular users in particular were not unduly penalised by the increases and the Committee were able to do this by using part of reserves and a proportionate increase for regular users. The treasurer will give more details but this process has been effective and has not caused any undue strain on our reserves. This however, is an ongoing issue which the Committee will have to re-visit during the coming year to ensure effective management of reserves.

The Hall continues to be used on a regular basis by a variety of groups providing an important resource for the village and beyond.

This in itself presents challenges in keeping the Hall clean and tidy. The majority of users play their part but occasionally the rooms have been left untidy which creates difficulties for other users. This will be raised at the regular meetings to see how the situation can be improved.

There are also the additional issues relating to the long term upkeep of the fabric of the building, in particular the state of the Hall floor and walls. Discussions have commenced in recent months to address these issues and will be an important feature on the regular Management Committee meetings.

There is a further major issue that is likely to require careful attention of the Committee in the coming year and relates to the progression through Parliament of what is known as Martyn's Law designed to improve security and preparedness of venues that are open to the public.

On a more positive note the Management Committee were able to commemorate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee by the planting of a tree in September 2022.

In closing, the Chairman placed on record his thanks to the Committee for their continued support and in particular those who hold office on behalf of the Committee, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Maintenance Officer and Minute Secretary.

Treasurer's Report: The accounts were circulated. Bill Alston had audited the accounts. The past year, overall income and been more than outgoings. We have had work completed on the Hall over the past year, receiving grants helping towards the cost, for which we are grateful. In June 2022 the Gas prices increased, in September 2022 the Electric prices increased, and in October 2022 we increased Hall hire charge keeping us on average stable. Still monitoring the whole of the utility charges. John proposed accepting the accounts, Margaret seconded. The accounts were approved unanimously. A copy of the accounts will be sent to Parish Council. Letter of thanks to Bill. Many thanks to Julie.

Review of hire charges

In view of the Treasurer's Report, Bernard proposed to leave hire charges as they are. This will be reviewed. Committee agreed.

Election of Trustees:

Bernard Kershaw, Margaret Kearns, Julie Sharples, Rachael Jameson, David Hodgkinson, John Boulton, Nick Sumner, Jean Rigby, Alison Johnson, Judith Kay

Elected on block.

Election of Management Committee:

Bernard Kershaw Chairman

Margaret Kearns Secretary/Booking Secretary

Julie Sharples Treasurer

Rachael Jameson Minutes Secretary

Mike Taylor Maintenance

Nick Sumner Parish Council Representative

David Hodgkinson New Longton Artists

Alison Johnson U5s

Jean Rigby Badminton

John Boulton

Judith Kay.

Elected on block.

Meeting Closed: 7.40pm.

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Profit / Loss Account 2022/2023

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| Opening Balance | £16445.36 | | |
| Add total Income | £29187.71 | | |
| | <u>£45633.07</u> | | |
| | | Less total Expenditure | £25733.29 |
| | | Total | <u>£19899.78</u> |
| Starting Total | £16445.36 | | |
| Less closing total | £19899.78 | | |
| | <u>£3454.42</u> | PROFIT | |

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The Management Committee
New Longton Village Hall
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1st May 2023

Dear All

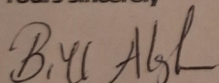
Independent Examiner's Report

I have again examined the accounts for the village hall and can confirm they represent an accurate and complete record of the financial position as at 31st March 2023.

As usual Julie has presented everything in a clear way making it an easy job for me.

Only really one comment, it may be time to ditch the Leeds Building Society. From my quick mental arithmetic, it looks like an interest rate of about 0.05%. At the moment rates of around 1.75% are available from the likes of Charity Bank and others, so it would be worth an investigation, especially as you are holding quite high balances in the current account, some of which could be added to the deposit account.

Yours sincerely



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