

REDLAKE VALLEY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 20th May 2014 at 7.30
DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Ian Campbell (Vic-chairman), Patrick Cosgrove (Secretary), Simon Jameson, James Middleton (Chairman), Christine Rogers, Jim Rogers (Treasurer), Peter Sherman, Becky Whitton

Apologies: Di Cosgrove

In attendance: Beryl Palmer (booking secretary and housekeeper) plus sixteen other residents

1. Minutes from the previous meeting and any action points outstanding.

The minutes were proposed by Ian Campbell and seconded by Jim Rogers as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the chairman.

There were no action points outstanding

2. Chairman's report for 2013-14 year.

Outgoing Chairman, James Middleton, thanked members of the committee, and Beryl Palmer as housekeeper, for their hard work over the last year. He explained that the hall had again experienced frequent use by clubs, societies and private hirings. In addition to the many improvements carried out in recent years, illuminated bollards and flood-lighting for the sign had recently been installed. A new departure has been to offer free hall hire to local organisations and for events that are open to all residents, the loss of income being compensated for by the revenue from the photo-voltaic solar panels on the roof. One of the first events to benefit has been Simon Jamesons' series of drawing mornings on Wednesdays. It is hoped that this will act as a precedent that encourages even greater use in the future. James explained that he has decided to stand down as chairman after eight years in the position. He thanked Patricks Cosgrove, and Christine Page before him, for their work as Secretary, and Jim Rogers for carrying out the role of Treasurer. He also thanked the present committee members and others who had served in the past. He concluded by saying that Chapel Lawn and the Redlake Valley have a village hall to be proud of.

3. Treasurer's report for 2013-14 year (to be voted on).

Jim Rogers presented the accounts for the past 12 months, supplemented by a list of every financial transaction which any resident could inspect. With just under £4,000 in the bank he felt that the hall's finances were in good order. The chairman invited all committee members and residents present to vote to accept the financial report, which was done with no objections.

4. Questions or suggestions from residents.

The matter of the pellet boiler's unreliability was raised. The chairman agreed that this had been unfortunate and had been due to a number of faulty components which had been replaced at no cost to the hall, but it had not left the hall unheated as the radiant heaters were there as a reserve.

5. Present committee stands down.

All serving committee members stood down.

6. Nomination of trustees for 2014-15 (or election if there are more than 12 applicants)

The following residents had been proposed and seconded to stand as committee members for the following year:

Ian Campbell
Di Cosgrove
Patrick Cosgrove
Simon Jameson
James Middleton
Beryl Palmer
Christine Rogers
Jim Rogers
Peter Sherman
Becky Whitton

As there were fewer than twelve nominations no election was necessary.

7. Nominations from local organisations for additional trustees.

All local organisations had previously been invited to nominate a representative to act as a trustee. No nominations had been received and none was proposed at the meeting, presumably because the organisations felt that they were adequately represented by the new trustee.

The meeting concluded with a presentation and vote of thanks to James Middleton for carrying out the role of chairman for the last eight years. A card was circulated for all to sign.