

## **SEDGWICK VILLAGE HALL AGM 13.9.21**

**Present:** John Goodland (chair), Diana Holmes (secretary), Joyce Benson (bookings), Frank Benson, Michelle O'Hara, Sue Tetlow, Barbara Bethell, Dorothy Howson, Sarah Bird, Stephanie LePoidevin, Lindsay Cartwright, Christine Whittall and some residents.

**Apologies:** George Blenkarn (treasurer), Nigel Markham, Fiona Roberts, Laura Courty.

### **Minutes of last AGM (28.10.2019)**

Taken as read given long delay due to COVID and previously dealt with. Signed by John.

### **Chair report:**

John confirmed that all Covid regulations and insurance requirements had been met during the 18 months of lock-down when the hall was closed.

The usual safety checks for fire equipment and gas appliances were completed on schedule.

The committee are delighted that the hall is now reopened.

John gave his thanks to George, Joyce and Diana for keeping all admin in order throughout. The building is in good condition, and the floor has been refinished thanks to Simon Dalzell's hard work.

John had previously indicated his wish to retire as chair and Trustee at this meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

As George was unable to attend his report was read out and is attached with the audited accounts.

The balance at the bank in 31st March 2021 was £28,424.12, due largely to the generous government grants during lockdown.

George also announced his intention to retire as trustee and as Treasurer at the next AGM but will continue until then.

### **Election of Officers:**

**Chair:** Simon Willacy was elected unopposed, Nominated by Diana, seconded by Michelle and warmly welcomed by everyone.

**Treasurer:** George Blenkarn nom. Joyce, sec. Diana

**Secretary:** Diana Holmes, nom. Michelle, sec. Joyce.

**Bookings:** Joyce Benson, nom. John, sec. Diana.

### **Any other business:**

At this point Simon took the chair and expressed his wish to contribute to the running of the hall, having spent most of his life in the village and benefited from the activities in the hall. We as a committee are delighted he has taken up the role with enthusiasm!

Most of the regular groups have resumed their activities in the hall and Joyce reported that all but toddlers group have signed the hiring agreement. Diana had had a lengthy conversation with Laura Courty who is about to hand over the running of the group to new personnel at their AGM on 28th September and she will ensure the agreement is signed. Laura will also organise a "toy tidy" to tackle the store room. It was suggested that the cabinet which had to be moved from under the window to allow for a drain inspection access to be made could return to its position if it were on castors. Stephanie (Guides )volunteered to liaise with Lauren (Brownies) whose equipment is in it to fit castors and a lock. She also offered to fix an external notice board for us to enable our calendar of bookings to be displayed. Location to be decided!

Diana will produce a calendar to show our current bookings to be posted pro tem on the village notice board.

Simon thanked everyone for coming.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

**Next ordinary meeting on Tuesday 16th November at 7.30pm**