Barton-on-the-Heath Village Hall

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 1 December 2017

Present:

Committee Members: Colin Maynell (Chairman), Gillian Cathie, Julian Mathias (Treasurer), Apologies from Helen Seymour-Smith, Linda Graham, Tracy Jones.

Trustees: Hamish Cathie

Village Community: Barney Henderson, David Poulsom, Johnny Rickett, Frances Mathias

1. Minutes of the AGM on 2 November 2016

The minutes of the AGM were approved and adopted.

1. Statement of the Village Hall Accounts to 30 October 2017:

Summary:

Opening Balance £ 6,552.60

Income £ 1,821.03

Expense £ 855.86

Surplus £ 965.17

Closing Balance £7,517.77

1. Village Hall Report 1 December 2017

The hall has continued to be used by the PCC, the PC, the Book Group, the Neighbourhood Watch committee, the Gods Minions, and for a Pilates Class commencing in October 2017. We have not received any financial support other than from the income of the PCC, PC and Book Club and a small number of private hires and this year, the fete. The Village Hall is still financially solvent, but would appreciate some further income to keep our funds at a level to be able to meet any unforeseen spending that may arise. The gas boiler has been repaired and serviced, and certified safe. The CO detector has also been replaced.

The locks on the main doors have been temporarily secured, but will need a more permanent modification in the near future. Despite the Chairman’s attempts to obtain a quotation for the repainting of the main doors and some of the wooden window frames, no quotation has yet been

forthcoming.

The external storage shed has been purged of obsolete and deteriorating furniture, as has the loft. However, whilst the shed was being painted it was noted that the wooden walls are in a rotten condition.

The acoustics in the Hall were again discussed as a number of users have indicated their difficulty in hearing speakers during the various meetings. Carpeting the floor was again suggested, but it was agreed that the extra burden on cleaning the floor was an unacceptable price to pay. Helen Seymour-Smith has obtained a quotation of approximately £5,000 for modifications to improve the acoustics.

Trustees Report Hamish Cathie thanked the Village Hall Committee for the stewardship of the Village Hall, and for ensuring its upkeep.

The Management Committee

The chairman thanked the committee for their commitment and work throughout the year. All members of the committee indicated their willingness to serve on the committee for the year 2018.

Actions Required

The Chairman agreed to:

1. Obtain a quotation for the re-painting of the main hall doors and some of the external windows.
2. Obtain a quotation for a shed to replace the current lean-to storage shed.
3. Circulate the quotation obtained by Helen to elicit views of the Committee on whether to investigate further the possibilities for improvements to the acoustics of the hall.

Date of next AGM: to be advised CAM 1 December 2017