

TINGEWICK VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

27th APRIL 2016

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Carol Thurlby Zoe Moorhouse Pete Chamberlain
 David Partridge Colin Whitton
Apologies: Ed Maxwell

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Peter Smith David Partridge
Apologies: Tony Hawkins

MEMBERS of the PUBLIC: Julie Hart Fran Marsden Carol Doherty
 Terrie Middle Trisha Lightfoot Liz Smith
Apologies: Lorraine Carter Sheila Gardner Roger Gardner

MINUTES of the LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (1st JUNE 2015).

Agreed.

Proposed: Pete Chamberlain **Seconded:** Carol Thurlby

MATTERS ARISING:

Copies of the 2015 Annual Report were distributed to those present.

Chairman's Report:

The Chairman thanked members of the Committee for all their hard work during 2015. He also thanked all the organisations using the Hall, and in particular, the Community Café for what it had brought to the village.

The question regarding the lack of involvement on the part of villagers and newcomers in village activities had been a major problem for a while. It was felt that perhaps more could be done to reduce apathy and get more people involved in local affairs. Improved communications keeping residents more informed may be one way of achieving this.

Question from the Floor: Did the Village Hall Committee inform users of the Hall that the Village Hall AGM was taking place? In response it was stated that had not happened for sometime.

Secretary's/Treasurer's Report:

2015 Achievements

2015 lettings were slightly down on the previous year.

2012 -	the total number of lettings were	393.
2013 -	“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	493.
2014 -	“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	491.
2015 -	“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	394.

2015 saw the start and completion of four major projects:

a) The erection of of a brand new storage shed on its own concrete base (£2652).

b) Following the localised repair to the kitchen floor it quickly became apparent that the floor had deteriorated too much and needed to be completely replaced. Two of the original kitchen units also had to be replaced. This was undertaken in October (ca £1500).

c) The exterior wood cladding on the Hall was completely replaced with insulation being incorporated into the wall cavities. This project could only be undertaken with the aid of a grant from WREN Environmental (£14960) which was paid directly to the contractors (CJM). The Hall's contribution to this project was £1858.20.

d) The area around the Bus Shelter was tidied-up and shrubs and hedging planted (£245).

A number of relatively minor safety issues were sorted out over the year, but a significant one remained unresolved:

Following the re-cladding of the hall exterior, virtually every exterior light was found to contain water and therefore needed to be subjected to a safety check, this and the 5 year electrical insulation check required immediate attention. Two electrical contractors have been contacted but neither, as yet, have bothered to turn up. This was finally completed in January 2016

Late 2013 saw the installation of a thermostat to control the heating in the main hall. Although the winters of 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 were not particularly harsh, reductions of approx. £750 for 2014 with a further reduction of £800 for 2015 were achieved.

The annual cost of electricity for 2015 of £615 has to be regarded with some suspicion as the monthly direct debit of £53 was reduced to £46 and then increased to £167 when E-ON decided that the account was £308.68 in debit at the end of the year. The indications are that the introduction of a thermostat has achieved savings with regard to the consumption of electricity. It is hoped that following the installation of cavity wall insulation additional savings in consumption will result.

Future Plans

There is an opportunity for the Village Hall to apply for S106 Funding. Two possible proposals are under consideration:

- a) Double glazing and new doors to further improve insulation and building security.
- b) An extension at the side of the Hall to increase and improve facilities.

As a point of interest in 2010 (Dec.) a survey on the condition of the Hall generated a number of recommendations, a number of which have been completed. The cost of these completed projects, to date, is £28196.80 (this includes the WREN grant). Since Dec. 2010 the total expenditure of all projects has been £35527.

Future projects currently being considered:

- Re-decorating Hall interior (and possible re-panelling)
- Gratings around Hall exterior to remove water run-off
- Refurbish path on east-side
- Insulate roof interior
- Refurbish/relay main hall floor
- Air heat source pump
- Committee room floor repair

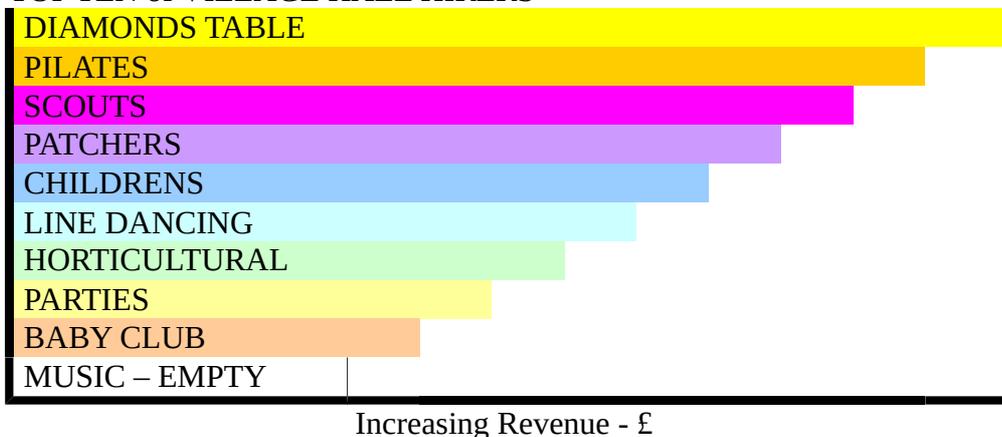
Financial Report

The end of year balance for 2015 was £7277.86, which was £2238.39 down on the 2014 balance.

The main sources of income for the Village Hall were from hall hire charges, fund raising activities and donations.

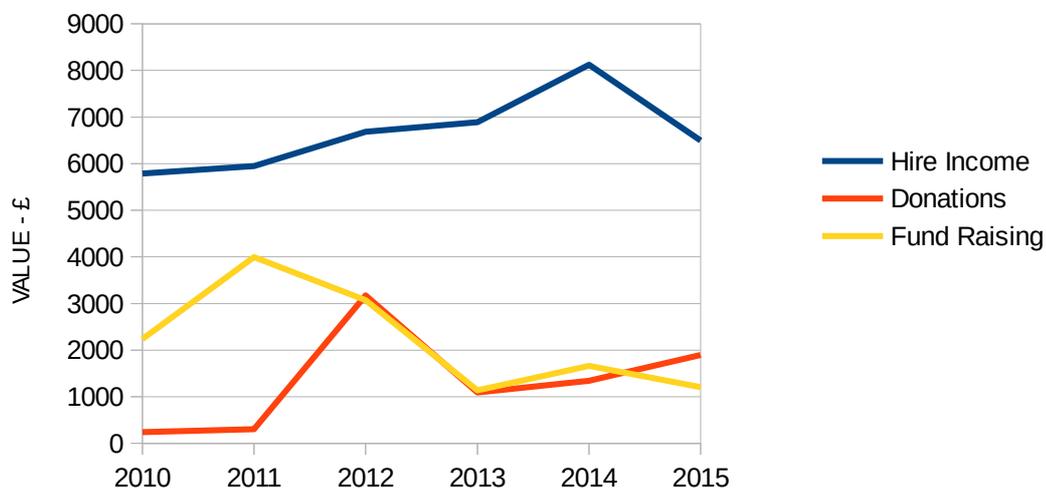
The Hall hire income generated over the year comes from groups/users with a wide range of interests. The *Top Ten* for 2015, revenue wise, comprises:

TOP TEN of VILLAGE HALL HIRERS



A comparison of the major sources of income over recent years is indicated below:

MAIN SOURCES of INCOME



Hall hire revenue showed a marginal increase over recent years whereas revenue generated by fund raising activities is in decline with the Improvement Fund Draw being almost the only source of income.

There was an upward trend in donations received, with the Community Café being the largest contributor – members of the Community Café present at the meeting were thanked for their contribution.

Donations were received from:

Community Café

J. Perry's Estate
Bernie Marsden/Royal Oak Music Nights
Finmere Football Club
D. Partridge

Electricity, Insurance and Cleaning costs have shown a certain amount of stability recently. On the other hand maintenance & repair have shown wide fluctuations reflecting the requirements of the different projects undertaken.

The stable insurance premiums have been as a result of a long term agreement with the insurance brokers. This agreement comes to an end in November 2016 and this may adversely influence future premiums.

Election of Officers:

The Chairman stood down and Peter Smith took the chair for the election of Chairman.

Chairman: Colin Whitton nominated David Partridge. Seconded Pete Chamberlain.
All agreed.

Secretary/Treasurer: Zoe Moorhouse nominated Colin Whitton. Seconded Carol Thurlby.
All agreed.

Lettings Officer: Pete Chamberlain nominated Carol Thurlby. Seconded Colin Whitton.
All agreed.

Committee: Julie Hart, Fran Marsden, Carol Doherty and Trisha Lightfoot agreed to join the Management Committee.

All were in favour of the committee composition :-

Zoe Moorhouse
Julie Hart
Fran Marsden
Carol Doherty
Trisha Lightfoot
Pete Chamberlain
Ed Maxwell

Any Other Business:

The condition of the Hall chairs was described as disgusting. It was agreed that a cleaning programme should undertaken following the re-decoration of the Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.