

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of HPFRG Charity 8th December 2020-12-08

Meeting held via Zoom

Trustees present

Nick Baker, Shirley Sainsbury, Viv Tallowin, Maggie Prettyman, Louise Chicken, Harry Purnell, Chris Watkins, Richard Booton, Harvey Gibbons Robin Slatter.

Apologies

Claire Madden, Julie Wones, Brian Butcher.

Members Present 21 signed in including Trustees

Minutes of 2019 AGM

In a vote taken 80% assented and 20% abstained.

Accounts

LC summarised the financial picture; the year has been successful particularly in fundraising which resulted in a higher figure than the previous year. The closure of the Hickling Hunnies group resulted in monies donated which funded items of playground equipment. Overall outgoings were similar to previous years and the Barn ended the financial year with a £10,000 surplus.

Two questions were asked-

What is the amount ringfenced for fireworks?

How do the trustees manage valuation of the Barn for insurance purposes?

In answer to the first, LC gave a round figure of £1200 and undertook to forward the precise figure. To the second, since the Barn is a charitable community asset the market value is not relevant, but NB assured that the rebuild cost is reassessed annually.

The accounts will now be sent to the Charity Commission.

Activities

NB was able to say that the past year has been a successful one due to the ability of volunteers to organise effectively. The pandemic has had a severe effect on the Barn's operation, but huge efforts have been made to operate as close to normal as possible, as the holding of this meeting demonstrates. Good management enabled the Charity to enter the year in a strong position and the Barn has been open whenever Government guidelines have allowed. Also significant improvements have been made by installing acoustic panels, working on the play area and laying tarmac on the drive and car park.

Thanks were given to two trustees who are standing down.

Brian Butcher has supported the Barn for many years and made particular contributions to the Snooker club.

Richard Booton has served on the committee for five years and has introduced several initiatives which resulted in improvement to governance and forward planning.

NB finished by thanking all trustees and volunteers.

Appointment of Trustees

The following have been nominated by designated village organisations:

Phoenix Trust	Stuart Chinman
Methodist Church	Harvey Gibbons
Football Club	Louise Chicken
Snooker Club	Chris Watkins
School	Julie Wones
Parish Council	Gemma Scarborough

Methodist Church

Did not nominate

The following were elected unopposed:

Claire Madden, Maggie Prettyman, Nick Baker, Harry Purnell.

The trustees will co opt other committee members at the next meeting.

The Chair ended the meeting by thanking those attending and wishing all a happy Christmas.