

WHIMPLE VICTORY HALL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 9 SEPTEMBER 2019

Present:

Margaret Burrough (MBu), Margaret Bucknell (MB), Maria Wallis (MW), Rob Davis (RD), Chris Olive (CO), Ali Tierney (AT), Di Wilkins (DW), Viv Brown (VB), Di Eden (DE), Paul Wilson (PW), Georgina Bailey (GB), Rachel Owen (RO), Arthur Iball (AI), Rosemary Davies (RoD), Linda Ancott (LA), Gill Wilson (GW), John Munslow (JM), David Vinson (DV), Sylvia McCall (SC), Victor McCall (MC), Chris Ward (CW), Paul Beatty (PB), Alan Laschelles (AL), Eileen Lascelles (EL), David Myers (DM), Bob Scanlan (BS) David Taylor (DT).

1. Apologies

Kaya Taylor (KT), John Griffiths (JG), Jo Sibley (JS), Andrea Bristow (AB)

2. President's Welcome

The Honorary President (MBu) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Minutes of the previous AGM (3rd September 2018)

MW read the minutes of the previous AGM. They were proposed for acceptance by JM, seconded by PW and agreed by all.

4. Chairman's report, including a presentation by Bob Scanlan on the 'future of the hall' consultation exercise

MW read her Annual Report, the original being retained on file. In précis:

a) 2018/9 has been a challenging and demanding year. David Myers, our former treasurer, has continued his research on obtaining grants. It was confirmed that we would not be eligible for large lottery grants due to the low level of deprivation in the village and the already good provision of sports facilities. Large corporate or individual grants are also unlikely. Opportunities for local grants for individual small projects were more likely. This was evidenced by an application towards the new foor submitted to the East Devon District Council Buildings Fund by RD. £5,000 has been awarded towards the £15,000 cost. One resident donated £500, which has been used to improve the kitchen. Other individuals have donated kitchen appliances.

b) Soup n Sarnie has continued to be a popular event

c) Thanks to volunteers and others who work so hard on the hall

d) During the year we have built up our funds for the hall as agreed in our strategy, to prepare for 2020 - our 100 year centenary. We also consulted with our users and the community to gain their views on the way forward.

e) Bob Scanlan gave a presentation on the 'future of the hall' consultation exercise. An electronic copy will be added to the hall website.

f) This will be MW's last year as chair. Hope to use this year to agree the way forward for

the hall, start to raise funds and celebrate our 100th anniversary.

g) MW presented a card and gifts to BS, who is leaving the committee.

5. Treasurer's Report

CO presented the audited annual accounts. Following explanation and discussion they were proposed for acceptance by GB, seconded by RoD and agreed by all. A copy will be forwarded to the Charity Commission, by the Secretary, with the Annual Return.

6. Trustees' Annual Report

The Trustees Annual Report was summarised by MW. It was proposed by AI and seconded by MB. A copy will be forwarded to the Charity Commission by the Secretary.

7. Nomination of User Representative Trustees

The following User Representatives accepted nomination as Trustees: JS, MW, RD, GB, RO, AI, RoD, DE, PW. We await a nominee from the Young Farmers Club. All were elected by unanimous agreement. All new Trustees will need to sign the Trustees Eligibility Declaration and complete online training.

8. Nominees for Trustees from the community were DW (new), VB (new), MW, CO, AT, RD, KT. All were elected by unanimous agreement. New committee members DW and VB were proposed by CO and seconded by RD. All new Trustees will need to sign the Trustees Eligibility Declaration and complete online training.

9. President's Closing Remarks

In her closing remarks the Honorary President stressed the importance of supporting the village school. She suggested that in the long term the committee look into sources of funding that would support the development of a separate sports facility on another site in the village, which would enhance provision and also possibly alleviate parking problems on the main hall site. She thanked everyone for their hard work during a successful year.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm