

The Darley Memorial Village Hall
Registered Charity No. 1061141
Annual General Meeting,
held on Mon 1/11/21- 6.30pm at the Village Hall

Name of trustees:

Julie Marks (Chairperson)
Andie Cattle (Treasurer)
Jenny Stephenson (Minute secretary)
Brian Miller
Marjory Yaxley
Claire Warne
Robin Warne

Welcome:

Julie Marks, Andie Cattle, Jenny Stephenson, Nadine Cooper, Marjory Yaxley, Rob Laycock, Brian Miller, Stewart Bray, Denise and Neil Davidson.

Apologies:

Claire and Robin Warne, David Barraclough, Rachel and David Grace, Catherine Lockwood, Clarissa Napier, Maggie Miller, Bob Cattle, Janet and Miles Richardson, Paul Marks, Jane Bray, John Cooper, Heather White and Penelope Dawson-Brown.

Minutes from previous AGM meeting were agreed and signed off.

Chairman's report

Minimum fund raisers have only been possible over the past year due to Covid-19 and repair works on the hall have also been delayed due to changing restrictions.

December 2020 we were able to host a small Christmas fair, following Covid regulations which meant a reduced number of stall holders and a one-way system in place with only a certain number of people permitted in the hall at one time. The proceeds from this were split between the village hall and Macmillan Cancer support.

The Keep fit was restarted in May which is still proving popular and continues to be well supported. With the added class of 'Stretch and tone' on a Friday morning, this is not only a steady income but also a way of more people in the village being able to use the hall.

The Open Garden in July was very lucrative and J.M gave thanks to all the people who had helped towards this: volunteered on the day, baked, helped to set up and tidy up. This was most appreciated at a time when it was most needed. There had been a comment regarding the price of the drink/cake (£5 for a refillable hot drink and slice of homemade cake) however this was agreed within the committee that it was a suitable amount to charge.

60+ students from Ampleforth College were scheduled to visit the Church and use the Village Hall for their afternoon tea however this has fallen through due to rising Covid cases.

J.M discussed upcoming bookings:

25/11/21: Police Commissioner election

Fri 26/11/21: Touch of blues music night

30/11/21: PCC meeting

Sat 4/12/21: Christmas Craft and cake stall. The committee will run a tombola. Jilly Holmes ('Flamingo Cards' inc. greetings cards/ wrapping paper etc) has also offered to raise funds using this. Of the total order raised, Jilly will donate 10% of this towards the village hall. As Jilly is unable to attend on the day, M.Y has the catalogues so anyone wishing to place an order can do so through her. An e-mail will be sent out asking if anyone would like a stall at the Christmas fair.

As the proceeds will again be split between the VH and Macmillan, J.M will approach Katrina Lane (Appleton le Moors) and Claire Haynes (Spaunton) as they are involved with the charity already and may like a stall.

It was agreed that the wine tasting evening will be postponed until 2022, either Sat 15th or Sat 22nd January. J.M is waiting to hear back from Steve at Tate Smith which date suits better.

Repairs to Village Hall: We have had the old water boiler replaced with a new 'heat as you go' system. This requires being switched on just 10mins before needing to use the hot water and will work out more economical.

Dave Settrington has been commissioned to undertake the repairs to the village hall roof including the falling masonry. This has been funded by the grant successfully applied for by J.M and B.M. Half of the grant to be paid as soon as the work is started then the remaining half once the work has been carried out. North Yorkshire Council just require 'in progress' pictures showing the work being carried out to pay out the balance.

The heating system is also due to be updated. Mark Ford (electrician) has spoken to J.M regarding this and has suggested an air conditioning unit/s so will get back to J.M with a quote for this.

The Gents toilets is also ready for a 'freshen up' (new toilet /sink and a paint). J.M and B.M will apply for another grant to hopefully cover these costs.

Accounts

Thanks were given to Clarissa Napier for reviewing the accounts and as a committee we will ask if she'd be happy to do this next year too.

A.C. explained that the constitution does state that the committee should have a representative from each group of fundraisers within the community.

i.e : Sports Day committee

Friends of Lastingham

Lastingham Church

Produce Show etc

The village hall costs £1600 a year for the basic 'ticking over' bills eg water/ electric/insurance. We had a hefty water bill towards the latter part of 2020 of £400 due to a water leak, then from that an estimated bill followed which was queried and from which we received a refund of £200 due to them over charging.

We still have the 'cushion' of monies left so if and when the hall has to be handed back once the lease is up- any outstanding issues with the hall can be paid for straight away.

A.C confirmed the accounts were correct and asked if anyone had any questions regarding them.

N.D proposed the accepted accounts, S.B seconded.

Election of Trustees

Chair: B.M proposed J.M, this was seconded by M.Y

Treasurer: J.M proposed A.C, this was seconded by D.D

Minute secretary: J.M proposed J.S, this was seconded by M.Y.

Nadine Cooper would like to join the village hall committee- she was welcomed with open arms!

After a few difficult months personally for J.M, she gave one year's notice on the Chairperson's post.

The committee fully understand and support this decision but A.C did mention that J.M does take on a lot of the tasks within the committee so was asked to delegate more and will confirm at the next AGM if she would still like to resign. J.M happy to continue for this next year.

AOB

B.M proposed another meeting to be held regarding the potential 'open gardens' in the village next June (last weekend). It was agreed a meeting just after Christmas to discuss this would give people enough notice to get their gardens in order if they wish to open them. W/C 10/1/22 will be suggested for the meeting # and an e-mail will be circulated to confirm the date.

D.D suggested at the same time as the open gardens, we could run a scarecrow trail to encourage perhaps people who don't want to open their gardens but would still like to support and encourage more people to attend the village.

Keep fit will continue as normal except for the w/c 1/11/21 when it will be on Tues night instead of Wednesday night, after this week, normal service resumes!

B.M confirmed that £1200 would be donated to the Village hall via the precept from the parish as confirmed at their meeting.

A.C questioned why the parish are giving the precept but we are splitting fundraisers between the village hall and the parish?

The Precept was originally set up in a bid to keep the village hall running and as there were a lot of houses at the time that were holiday homes within the village, this was a way of villagers who weren't always available to support fund raisers being

able to donate. However, the fundraisers have taken over as the main contributory of the village halls income.

On behalf of P. Dawson Brown and the church wardens, B.M passed on their thanks for the use of the facilities in the village hall when people are using the church on 'booked' occasions.

The Village hall is being used instead of the Cedd Centre as this no longer has the insurance as it's closed to the public for such use.

It was discussed if the church could make a donation while this agreement is in place.

£20 was suggested as a donation price per booking to be made when the church is expecting a group in and facilities (toilets) are offered.

The Russian Orthodox church are booked in for Sat 6th November so this will be classed as a booking to use the toilets in the V.H.

13th November- Rachel Grace has the hall booked for a birthday party.

M.Y. added that the two ladies that attend each time to 'man' the political polling station commented on how noticeably clean and 'freshened up' the hall looked.

The next AGM will be (tbc) end of Oct 2022.

The next committee meeting will be on Mon 22nd Nov at 6.30pm held at the village hall at 6.30pm.

J.M thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.