

FRC AGM 7.30pm 20 March 2019 in Fanshaws Room

Present: Linda Ashley (chair) Janet Burger (vice-chair) Robert Williams (treasurer) Kate Hillaby (secretary) Mitch Brummitt – Brenda Lambie – Cllr.Lynn Whitnall – Alison Blakey – Lawrence Price – Jean Retallick

Apologies: Councillor Kotting and Councillor Lambie

Minutes of last AGM and Matters Arising: Lawrence reported that work around the pond on Brickendon Green was carried out and it is now being left to see how it develops, currently it is clean and clear. Advice has been taken from CMS. There being no further matters arising the Minutes were approved.

Chair's Report: Linda gave a summary of events during the past year and reported that the Fete had been very successful with lots of positive comments from visitors; following this a 'Thank you' evening had been held for volunteers with a buffet (provided by the Farmer's Boy). There were two well attended Christmas events for parish children and Linda thanked Councillor Whitnall for hosting one of these at PWP. There was also a Christmas lunch for senior residents, attended by over 20 people. Linda thanked Kate Hillaby for the many years of service she has given as secretary to FRC and presented her with a token of thanks, Kate will remain a member of FRC.

Treasurer's Report: Robert gave a summary of Income and Expenses for the 12 months to 28 February 2019, stating that there is a surplus of £879. This reflects that apart from repairs for a burst pipe there were no major expenses this year. Bookings for the village hall are down on the previous year – which was a bumper year. The fete had a surplus of £3,214 which is a two thirds increase on the previous year and we were able to give a donation of £500 each to Guide Dogs and Mudlarks charities. We ended the year with net assets of £24,374. The Treasurer requested that next year we hold the AGM a little later (end of April) to give more time for the accounts to be completed.

Hall Report: Brenda reported that she continues to handle bookings and co-ordinates maintenance issues between FRC and the PC. A local resident cleans the hall and ensures that essential supplies are maintained. Current fees are £7 per hour for residents and £10 per hour for others and she did not recommend any change to this, compared to other local halls we are competitive. Recently further electrical work has been carried out as well as the Lincat water heater being serviced and a new filter fitted. The hall has recently had a fire inspection where equipment and signage were upgraded as necessary, and our electrical appliances have been PAT tested.

Tennis Courts: The Farmer's Boy continues to handle bookings. Income as shown in the Treasurer's Report slightly covered general maintenance with a profit of £19, however, Mitch said there is some cash at the pub for recent bookings; this will now go onto the 2019/20 accounts.

Election of Officers: **Chair** – Linda Ashley (nominated by BL, seconded by JB) **Vice-chair** – Janet Burger (nominated by KH, seconded by LA) **Secretary** – Alison Blakey (nominated by JB, seconded by BL) **Treasurer** – Robert Williams (nominated by BL, seconded by JR). **Other committee members:** Brenda Lambie (Hall) Mitch Brummitt (Fete) Kate Hillaby, Jean Retallick, Mhairi Laker-Sim, Amy Hughes, Lawrence Price. Alison, Mhairi and Amy are new to the committee and were welcomed.

Fete: The date of the 2019 Fete was confirmed as Sunday 1st September and Mitch will lead the organisation.

AOB: There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.54pm

FRC meeting following AGM on 20 March 2019 in Fanshaws Room

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Previous Minutes: The previous meeting had been at the 'Thank You' event on 17 October 2018 and no Minutes were taken.

Treasurer's Update: In addition to the report given at the AGM the treasurer reported that he has found a new insurance company which offers the same cover but at a cheaper premium. Next year FRC will probably merge with the PC insurance to provide cover for all areas.

A short discussion took place on what will happen to the assets of FRC/PC in the event of the PC collapsing i.e. no new councillors coming forward for election. No decisions could be made but it was agreed to stay aware of the possibilities.

Hall Report: In addition to the previous report given at the AGM Brenda raised the matter, posed by a parishioner, of the 'village' clubs who use the Hall having free rental. It was noted that none of the clubs had approached FRC themselves and that the Gardening Club had agreed at their recent AGM that they would not wish to pursue the matter of free rental. Although the clubs are run by parishioners they are largely supported by people from outside the parish and it was pointed out that they are not charities and should be self-financing. The Whist Drive is finding it difficult to attract members but it was suggested that the admission and raffle fees need to be raised so that the organiser is not out of pocket. Mitch said if fees were raised he was prepared to provide the refreshments (tea, coffee and biscuits) if that would help and Cllr Whitnall suggested somebody from FRC would be prepared to put the case to the club members. The matter was not resolved but it was agreed that it would not be possible for clubs to use the Hall free of charge. The exception is The Friendly Club which is attended by older residents of the parish and has historically been allowed this concession.

Newsletter: The Editor reported that the Newsletter continues to be published quarterly and that in 2018 the printer was changed which reduced the cost from £230.40 to £95 per quarter. Big thanks are owed to PC chair Lynn Whitnall for organising this. 250 copies are printed for distribution by 12 parishioners, some of whom distribute more than 30 copies. In addition, 9 copies are emailed out, one of which goes to Graham Irwin to put onto the Brickendon Liberty website.

Fete: Several attractions have already been booked by Mitch and Kate, these include: police – ice creams (Dawlicious) – St John's Ambulance – Punch & Judy – PWP and the Band. Mitch will continue to oversee this and Brenda and Kate are assisting. Some discussion took place on the appropriate placing of attractions particularly those involving animals/birds.

AOB: Mrs Mathews reported on a successful visit to the Friendly Club by a Trading Standards Officer and has offered to arrange another visit aimed at a wider audience. No decision was made.

Forthcoming dates were agreed: **Next meeting Wednesday 1st May to discuss a mid-summer event on Friday 21 June**

Fete meetings on **26 June and 17 July**

Thank you evening for Fete helpers on **16 October**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.