

Fanshaws Room Committee AGM

26 May 2022 in Fanshaws Room, Brickendon Green

Present: Robert Williams – Linda Ashley – Brenda Lambie – Jean Retallick – Tony Roberts (PC) – Rose Dye – Anita Regis – Freddie Lawrence

Apologies: Alison Blakey - Lawrence Price

Previous Minutes & Matters Arising: There were no matters arising and the previous Minutes were passed as a true report of the previous – pre-pandemic – AGM on 20 March 2019

Election of Officers: Linda Ashley – Chair (proposed by RW, seconded by BL)
Robert Williams – Treasurer (proposed by LA, seconded JR)
Alison Blakey – Secretary (proposed by BL, seconded LA)
Brenda Lambie – Hall (proposed by LA, seconded RW)

Chair's Report: The Chair reported that the Fete in 2019 and in 2021 went ahead and both were successful, hard work but good weather on both occasions. A thank you party for helpers was held after the 2019 fete, sponsored by The Farmer's Boy PH.

Children's Christmas parties were held in 2019, organised by Janet Berger, for both younger and older children.

A lunch for older residents was held in 2019, since then hampers have been distributed in 2020 and 2021.

During 2020 FRC donated a cheque for £1,00 to PWP to help with feeding and maintaining their animals during the various lockdowns.

The tennis courts were refurbished and 3 defibrillators were purchased to be used in various parts of the parish – the old phone box in Brickendon, the Woodman & Olive PH and at Monks Green, these are in addition to the defibrillator at the village hall (Fanshaws Room).

As a result of the pandemic, there were no FRC meetings in 2020, any matters being discussed via emails. We did have meetings in 2021 but not an AGM. Both the fete and children's Christmas activities went ahead in 2021; the hall was refurbished, the fete was organised by a fete committee (led by Mitch Brummett), older residents were provided with Christmas hampers (organised by Councillor O'Donnell).

Going forward a Jubilee Pic-nic is planned for 5th June 2022 and the Fete will take place on 4th September 2022 organised by Tony Roberts.

The Chair welcomed everyone who attended the AGM and thanked all who continue to work hard in the interests of Brickendon Liberty parish.

Treasurer's Report: FRC Treasurer distributed copies of the accounts to year ending 28 February 2022. He reported that for the year ending 28 February 2022 there was a surplus of £6,686.

The treasurer reported that, once again, this has been a strange year with Covid being a great influence. During the past financial year we have received Covid grants from the government totalling £18,241 and we have been using these grants to decorate the interior of the hall and the tennis pavilion. We have also replaced the hall kitchen flooring and resurfaced the tennis courts which had fallen into a poor state of repair. The fete in 2020 had a surplus of £3,894 which is very good. A donation of £500 was made to Guide dogs, Army Cadets and ARNI.

We have ended the year with net assets of £39,500.

Hall Report: Since 2019 Hall income has been seriously affected by the pandemic. During this time, however, all regulations were followed including purchase of paper towels, hand sanitizer, precautionary notices etc.

Bookings are now recovering and it is hoped that income will be close to that of previous, pre-pandemic, years.

Items 6, 7 and 8 on the Agenda were removed as being irrelevant to the AGM

Any Other Business: There being no other business the AGM closed at 7.45pm

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Minutes of previous meeting & matters arising: There were no matters arising and the Minutes were signed as a fair report.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer referred to his report given at the preceding AGM and reported that we currently have a total sum of £42,939.99 in our current and deposit accounts.

Hall Report: BL reported that all planned refurbishment had been done and that the plumbing problem in the gent's lavatory had been resolved. On this occasion no charge had been made. She also reported that the fire survey had been done by TJ Fire, including replacement of one extinguisher. Again, this was not charged for. Thanks were offered to both the plumber and the fire safety company for their generosity.

The only outstanding job is the replacement of the fire exit doors. Mrs Dye has offered to contact Castle Joinery for a quotation.

It was suggested by the PC Chair that we should put a notice in the Newsletter asking if anybody would consider carrying out odd jobs around the Parish as they arise.

Bookings are now improving, post-pandemic.

Brickendon Fete: The date was confirmed as Sunday 4 September from 11.30am – 3.30pm. TR reported that bookings for stalls etc are going ahead and volunteers are slowly coming forward. The fete committee are looking at getting additional entertainment for children. An arrangement has been made with BGGC to cut the green before the Fete. A printer has been organised. In response to an enquiry by AR it was confirmed that the Dog Show would be going ahead.

A question was asked about parking and the need to avoid inconvenience to residents. TR reported that various options were being looked at in addition to parking on the Green. It was suggested that a note could be put through some resident's doors reminding them of the Fete but since there are so many Fete boards etc already this was deemed unnecessary.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration: LH reported that she is organising tubs of ice cream and has already purchased wooden spoons and cardboard tubs. The ice cream can be kept in the hall refrigerator on the day and she will provide it on demand. Linda will also purchase approximately 100 small packets of crisps for children.

RW is purchasing drinks that will be supplied FOC to residents. He anticipates purchasing 24 bottles of red wine and 24 bottles of white, 100 cans or bottles of beer and cans of soft drinks for children. It was thought that we have enough glasses for the wine and can provide some beer glasses for those who don't want to drink straight from the container.

We have already been promised 11 Victoria sponges which will be cut up for distribution on the day. BL will check and make sure we have enough disposable plates for these.

TR will check that the electricity is still working following on from recent vandalism (by a horse!).

LP has organised a musician and a magician. The musician will arrive at approximately 11 am and will begin his first set at 12.30pm (giving folk time to arrive and settle). He will do 3 sets of approximately 45 minutes each with a break between each during which time there will be recorded music played. The charge for this is £300. The magician will also be around for the duration of the event at a cost of £100.

Erection of marquees will start at 2pm on Saturday 4th June – all helpers welcome. Tables etc will be taken out on the morning of the event, starting around 9.30am, again helpers will be needed. We have sufficient bunting and flags, including a large flag with the Queen's picture on it to remind us all why we are organising this event.

BGGC have agreed to cut the grass before hand.

BL confirmed that 40 commemorative mugs have been purchased for parish children under the age of 12 yrs in June. Distribution has started. She has purchased another 10 mugs which are being sold to parishioners.

Any Other Business: A parishioner has asked if we could consider the Ukraine appeal for a charitable donation. It was decided that we can do this through the Fete but not as a donation from FRC. HR explained that the local church has set up a scheme to assist Ukrainian refugees and she agreed to speak to the organiser with a view to us providing financial support for displaced Ukrainian families.

A resident has proposed a permanent flag pole on the village green. This was discussed but it was decided that the need, and logistics, made it untenable. It was also stated that the PC does not support the idea.

There being no further business the meeting ended at approximately 8.45pm.

A date for a further meeting will be circulated as soon as it is confirmed.