Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Combe Raleigh Village Hall

Tuesday, 30th April 2019

Present

Brian Churchill (Chairman), John and Valerie Brabrook, Kay Churchill, Laurence Clarke, James and Sara Evans, Alexander Groombridge, David Jackson, Michelle Kennedy,

Millie Magar, Rosemary Mapleston, Esme Moffett, Rob Sexton, Ann Rickson, Colin and Jacky Sherwood, Peter Smith, Stan Thompson and Heather Trim.

Apologies

Gill Jackson, John Mapleston, Caroline Padget, Lizzie Smith and Brian Trim.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. He also wished his wife, Kay, a very Happy Birthday.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last AGM held on 24th April 2018 were approved and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: John Brabrook Seconded: Valerie Brabrook

Matters Arising None.

Chairman’s Report

Brian gave thanks to Jacky (Secretary) and to Jen Rickson, the previous Treasurer. Sara very kindly took on the role of Treasurer and thanks to her for all her hard work and producing the annual accounts. Brian also thanked Heather for producing such decorative posters, admirably taken over by Michelle.

Brian thanked his Committee for their hard work and dedication.

Thanks were given to Marian Brion for organising the food and drinks for our various events.

Brian gave thanks to Nicky Baker for keeping the Hall so spick and span.

Malcolm Edwards was thanked for the use of the field behind the Hall to be used for car parking, and also to Ollie and Malcolm for hard coring the area.

Brian thanked Jacky for organising the Table Top Sale and monthly coffee mornings in the Hall – and Jacky gave thanked to Marian Brion and Carol Thompson for their support in overseeing the coffees and teas. A good team.

Brian also thanked the people of the village who lend a hand when necessary and especially to Laurence and Peter for fitting the new kitchen cupboards.

Brian gave a summary of the past year’s events:

St. George’s Day Celebrations, 28th April 2018

This was a very successful event with 70 people sitting for the meal. Thanks to David

for organising the food and to all the helpers. Rosemary gave a very amusing ditty and

Sue King led the enthusiastic singing!

‘Bubbly, Bells and Bakes’, 19th May 2018

We celebrated the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle in St. Nicholas Church.

With around 60 people enjoying Bucks Fizz and cake, watching the bell ringers ringing

from the new bell tower, a memorable day was had by all.

‘Jazz in June’, 29th June 2018

Thanks to Peter and Lizzie who organised this new event which was well supported.

Nathalie Andrews brought two professional singers to accompany her.

Summer BBQ, 12th August 2018

This event was again held in the Village Hall, with David BBQ-ing outside at the back

of the Hall. This was well attended and food enjoyed by all.

Harvest Supper and Gift Auction, 6th October 2018

One of our traditional nights, always great fun. The roast beef ,Yorkshires and apple

crumbles were enjoyed by all. The Gift Auction went well.

Bonfire Night & Guy Competition, 2nd November 2018

Thanks to Malcolm for the use of his field for this event. We had two generous

contributions towards the cost of the fireworks which resulted in a fantastic display.

Thanks to Laurence who made 40 torches, to David for the BBQ and to Sean for building

the bonfire. The Guy Competition was won by Little Critters. It was suggested we may

hold a Pumpkin Competition next year.

Those present gave thanks to Brian and Nicky Churchill for looking after the bonfire and

firework display.

Quiz Night, 23rd November 2018

Always a popular event with Max and his ladies.

Christmas Tea/Children’s Party, 16th December 2018

Many adults came and there were more children this year thanks to Esme’s Litter Critters.

Thanks to Father Christmas who arrived with a sack full of presents and to Marian Brion

for organising the food. Thanks too to Marion Gosling for preparing the Christmas Quiz –

Marion will be very much missed by us all.

Combining the Christmas Tea with the Children’s Party worked very well again this year.

Jolly January – BINGO!, 11th January 2019

This was great fun and those attending were given an entertaining evening by the Caller!

Burns’ Supper, 1st February 2019

This was very well attended and we were lucky to get Roger Hicks as our piper and his

friend, Glen Beard, to address the haggis. Thanks to Rosemary Mapleston and

Mike Preston for their entertainment. The evening was enjoyed by all.

Mad March – Car Treasure Hunt, 24th March 2019

This was held on a very pleasant, sunny afternoon. The Evans family won and they will

organise next year’s event. Thanks to Les and Lesley Farley for organising this and for

supplying tasty sausages and rolls afterwards.

BINGO!, 26th April 2019

Back by popular demand, but not so well attended. However, great fun and laughter was

enjoyed by all.

The Village Hall now has WiFi connection you will all be pleased to hear. Thanks to Laurence for presiding over this.

In summary, we have had a very good year. The majority of the events have gone really well. We are always open to suggestions for the Committee to consider.

Treasurer’s Report (see attached)

Sara circulated the Income and Expenditure accounts, showing a small profit for the year of £908.25

Sara explained that under ‘Building repairs and maintenance’, new fire extinguishers were included in this amount. Also, the cost of the defibrillator billed to the Village Hall will be hopefully reimbursed by the Parish Meeting. Under ‘Printer’ - £300 had been paid from the general account to purchase a new printer, as Sara did not have access to the Raleigh Rag account – this amount has now been repaid which will show in next year’s accounts. This leaves £34.04 in the Raleigh Rag account which could be transferred to the running of the magazine by the Raleigh Rag team. Under ‘Equipment’, we bought a new amp for the microphone and a sack trolley to move the chairs.

In answer to a query about the Youth Club account, Brian said that the village has not had a Youth Club for some 20 years as there were no children in the village. Now there were more children in the village, he hoped this Club would re-open in a few years’ time.

It was reported that the PAT testing on electrical items was out of date. The Committee to look into this at their next meeting.

Sara thanked John Brabrook for checking the accounts and his continued support.

The accounts were proposed by Rosemary Mapleston and seconded by Michelle Kennedy and adopted by the meeting.

Brian took this opportunity to thank Jacky, retiring Secretary, for all her hard work over the years and to thank Heather and Lizzie who were stepping down as Committee members for all their support and hard work.

Re-Election of Committee members

In line with the Constitution, Brian Churchill and Heather Trim stand down as longest serving members of the Committee. Heather is not standing to be re-elected.

Brian Churchill Proposed: Michelle Kennedy Seconded: Laurence Clarke

All agreed.

Election of Committee and Officers

Jacky Sherwood is stepping down as Secretary and Rob Sexton has agreed to undertake this position. Lizzie Smith has resigned from the Committee.

The Chairman said there were two nominations to join the Committee:

Kay Belben Proposed: Michelle Kennedy Seconded: Rob Sexton

Helen Williams Proposed: Esme Moffett Seconded: Kay Churchill

All agreed.

Proposed Committee Members and Officers:

Brian Churchill (Chairman), Kay Belben, Kay Churchill, Laurence Clarke, Sara Evans (Treasurer), David Jackson, Michelle Kennedy, Esme Moffett, Ann Rickson, Rob Sexton (Secretary), Jacky Sherwood, Peter Smith and Helen Williams.

Proposed: James Evans Seconded: Heather Trim

All agreed.

Rob said he was happy to take the Minutes and any action required, but would not want to organise the social events. Jacky has said she would be delighted to continue to do this until a ‘Social Secretary’ was appointed.

A.O.B.

- Thanks were given to Dr. John Twaddle for organising the defibrillator for the

Village (situated outside the Hall entrance door)

* Village Clean-Up – Saturday, 25th May 2019 from 10.00 a.m.
* After some discussion, it was agreed the Committee set up a Sub-Committee

to undertake a feasibility study for future plans for investment in the Hall.

Discuss at the next Committee meeting.

* Heather thanked Brian for all he does for the village.

Date of Next Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 7th May 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.