

**Preston Village Hall Committee**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**7pm Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019**

**Present:** Committee Members: Therese Munro-Warwick (Chair), Joan Jones (Treasurer), Anne Mingins (Booking Secretary), Rosie Jones, Chris Sutton, Barbara King Alexander Lindsay.

Also from the Village: Dot Warren, Julie Tomblin (representing the PC), Sue Gulliford, Anne Swain, Caroline and David Rose.

T M-W opened the meeting by welcoming all present.

The minutes of last year's AGM were read out and signed as a true record.

**Chair's Report:** A copy is attached.

**Treasurer's Statement:** A copy is attached.

**Matters Arising and Suggestions:**

- 1) A suggestion was made that the laminator could be advertised for village use but it would be complicated to arrange usage and costs and may be a public safety hazard, so rejected.
- 2) The cleaning firm Helpful Hands have not left a card as arranged to indicate that they have cleaned. TM-W to chase this. They will invoice the PC regularly, who will then pay them, and the Treasurer will settle with the PC quarterly. In this way we can avoid paying VAT.
- 3) A request was made that the Committee's names should be put in the Preston Newsletter and that some details of the success and profits made by various events organised by the Village Hall Committee should also be included. Agreed.
- 4) TM-W asked that more magnets are purchased for the Notice-board. Agreed.
- 5) Dot Warren asked about Rural Cinema in the Hall. T M-W explained that the committee has considered this in the past but decided that there would be a limited demand, due to the small size of the village and the cost is too high. We have also discussed having a large screen available but difficulties regarding its location and cost have made us reject the idea. A large TV is a possibility but again cost is a limiting factor. (For sports events we would need to purchase Sky Sports). We will consider it again if the demand is there.
- 6) The Village Hall Wifi 2-year agreement with the PC is expiring. IJ and CS will find out how much it will now cost us.
- 7) No new members of Committee were forthcoming. We would like to have some volunteers especially younger villagers. Lisa Spivey is joining the PC and may become our PC representative.
- 8) A request was made by the Chair for a finger post sign to indicate the position of the Village Hall. The situation was discussed at length, AM does not want a post for it in her garden which would be the ideal situation. Julie Tomblin said that the PC cannot allow signs to be put up just anywhere. This needs further discussion.
- 9) The 2 leaks in the ladies toilet and kitchen will be investigated further by Peter Elphick now that we have had some rain.
- 10) A monthly morning coffee/tea and book swap event was suggested and a trial agreed.

**Election of the Committee:** All committee members are prepared to stand again and were unanimously elected by all present.

**Any Other Business:** The defibrillator box light is being fixed. The forthcoming First Aid course on 8/6/19 being organised by the PC will include a section on use of the defibrillator.

The Chair thanked those attending and closed the meeting at 8.20pm .