

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
DUDDENHOE END VILLAGE HALL HELD ON WEDNESDAY
15 MAY 2013 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 8.00 PM

PRESENT

Members of Village Hall Management Committee:

Bob Reich	-	Chairman
Martin Bach		
Jennifer Clifton		
Philip Clifton		
Jane Guy	-	Treasurer
Roberta Pearce		

1. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Dianne Bond, Nigel Bond, Trevor Guy, Sandy McAdams, Diana Schwieger and Brian Viney

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Helen Donaldson, Jane Evans Susanne Reich, John and Carolyn Hughes.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual General meeting held 19 May 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported on the events held at the village hall, and arranged by the committee, in the last year 2012/2013 (since the 2012 AGM). Wine Tasting with Adnams in May, the Jubilee Celebrations with support of the Parish Council in June and the 'Bric a Brac' Stall at the Langley Fete in August.

Bob thanked John McAdams for ticket sales and Trevor Guy, Chef, and all the 'Happy Helpers' for their hard work and successful efforts at the Harvest Supper in October. He reminded those present of the problems experienced with the recently cancelled Quiz Night and that the numbers were low for the imminent Antiques Evening.

Bob confirmed that the committee had been active in commissioning works to the Village Hall's drainage and the improvements to the Car Park. He thanked the various Grant awarding institutions, Uttlesford District Council and the Parish Council for the contributions to the works

and equipment purchased during 2012/13. Particular thanks were expressed to Councillor Robert Chambers for funding and support.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer presented a schedule of accounts for 2012/13.

The Accounts were approved and signed by the Chairman and Treasurer.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Jane Evans and Helen Donaldson were stepping down from the Village Hall Committee. The Chairman thanked Jane and Helen for their support.

The remaining members of the committee were persuaded to serve for another year as it looked unlikely that anyone else would serve although Nigel Bond was proposed and seconded (very quickly before he was able to change his mind) as a member for 2013/14.

The Chairman and the other members of the committee expressed their disappointment over the lack of interest that the Village had for events at the Hall; the general feeling of apathy from the Village, expressed by the poor turn-out for the AGM and the cancellation of recent events resulted in the committee members being reluctant to arrange any events for the foreseeable future, with the exception of the Harvest Supper.

On behalf of the Villagers present Sandy McAdams thanked the committee for their hard work in 2012-13

7. BADGERS

It was reported that there may be badgers under the Village Hall although evidence was not obvious as there are many sightings throughout the village. It was noted that a License would be required from Rural England if the badgers were to be subjected to any activity undertaken to disturb their sett, and this could be applied for at a cost, the first move could be to remove rubbish from under the Village Hall, It was agreed initially to attempt to determine badger activity without disturbing this protected species.

8. GARDENING PARTY

A Garden clearance at the Hall has been arranged for Sunday, 23 June 2013 starting at 10.30 to clear the weeds etc. from near the fence to the pond. Breakfast will be provided.

9. KITCHEN FACILITIES

Sandy McAdams asked the committee to consider improvements to the kitchen facilities as part of any future refurbishment of the Village Hall. The Chairman agreed to include this in future projects.

10. FUTURE EVENTS

Notwithstanding the views of the committee membership as expressed in 6 above the Harvest Supper would be held as usual, this year on 12 October 2013. It was noted, with thanks that John McAdams had agreed to sell tickets again and that Trevor Guy was happy to take charge of the kitchen.

The 'Village Hall Christmas Lights Switch On' with mulled wine and mince pies will be on Sunday, 8 December 2013 at 4.30 pm

There was agreement that the Village Hall Committee would weigh in with full support should any of the 'villagers' wish to organise their own events for the benefit of the community.

The Chairman reminded those present that the scheduled walk to Clavering Lakes on 9 July 2013 would still take place.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm