

**SOUTHROP VILLAGE HALL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024 at 7.30pm**

**Present:**

Philip Roberts (Chair), Rhona Reid, (Secretary), Gretchen Shoring, Kathryn Potter, Shelagh Benfield, Matt Fynn.

**Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Iain Mills (Treasurer), Colin Medley and Ed Morris

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 27th April 2023 were approved and signed.

**Annual Report of the Trustees:**

The Chair summarised the Annual Report of Trustees for the period since the last AGM. There were no questions. A copy is attached.

**Treasurer's Report and Accounts for 2023:**

The Chair drew attention to the accounts for 2023 and summarised the Annual Financial Report. There were no questions. A copy of the accounts and the report is attached.

**Resignation of Outgoing Trustees:**

The Trustees all stood down.

**Election of Trustees:**

The following Trustees stood for re-election:

Philip Roberts, Iain Mills, Rhona Reid, Gretchen Shoring

All the above were elected unopposed. Philip Roberts was elected Chair.

**Any Other Business:**

The meeting was then opened to the floor. A lively discussion followed. The main points covered were:

**Information** - in addition to electronic methods, putting flyers through letter boxes and posting notices in the parish noticeboards were still very good ways to publicise events at the village hall. Putting notices up in neighbouring villages should be considered.

**Future Plans** - recent improvements to the village hall have been very well received. Future plans include renovating the loos, increasing storage and improving accessibility. Once these works are complete the committee will consider getting the floor in the main hall professionally refurbished.

**Events** - it was suggested that two barn dances per year might be too much. The harvest supper and dance was more popular than the spring barn dance. The committee should look at how events are priced to improve attendance. The proposal for a summer party with a 'Great Gatsby' theme was generally well received. The chair of Southrop Parish Council indicated that this was the sort of event that SPC would be prepared to support financially. The recent talk by David R Abram was very well attended and the committee should look at putting on similar events. A request was made for an increase in the number of film nights. This was noted but the need for events to be financially viable was pointed out.

**Bar (Snug)** - the proposal to open The Snug on a regular basis was well received and a number of people have volunteered to help run the bar. The Snug will open every other Saturday over the summer period starting on Saturday May 4th. The committee will assess viability at the end of this period.

There being no further business the meeting then closed.

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