

**Meppershall Village Hall**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting**  
**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016, 8pm**

**Trustees Present:** Steve Ansell, Graham Walker, David Birch, Dave Foskett, Graham Jones

**Apologies:** Jeff Hurst

**Secretary:** Melanie Fergus

**Bookings Secretary:** Louise Hutson

10 members attended.

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the last AGM on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Chairman's Report**

*The Chairman went through his report, as follows:*

*Welcome*

*Yet another year has passed and we are all still sitting in the original village hall, about this time last year we had recently heard that Bloors were pulling out and that Croudace would be taking over the development and the creation of the new village hall.*

*I am pleased to say the project is progressing and I will ask David to explain where we are later on.*

*The Village Hall is still having to turn bookings away due to lack of space and facilities, not being able to accommodate the groups of people when they want to use the facility's,*

*We are trying to make the most of the facilities that we have , just keeping things in order and to an acceptable standard, so that the village hall doesn't become an eyesore and is still fit for purpose. We are also trying to keep all the groups that we do have so that when the new facilities become available they will be ready to take over the new facilities.*

*One of things that was missing at the hall was the ability to rent the hall with a decent amount of cutlery and crockery. We have now taken the opportunity to buy these as they will be fully transferrable and I am pleased to say that with some help from the council we have purchased a full set, making the hall even more attractive to potential customers.*

*A sub group of the Village Hall is the Meppershall Village Fair Committee and Meppershall Fireworks Committee, these groups have been very successful in running 2 great events for the village, despite the appalling weather we had at the beginning of the summer, and the day of the Summer Fair we still had great support from the village, the fair just broke even which considering the amount of investment we had to make for all the facility's was a great achievement.*

*The Fireworks display was a great success, I think we have now got the bases for holding a good display and event, we were competing this year against Shillington but still managed to raise a considerable amount of money, this will now be held in a separate event account to enable us to invest in next year's summer fair.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Trustees, the other members of the village hall committee, members of the village fair /fireworks committee, all these people give their time freely in helping to run and manage the village hall and associated events without them this facility would not be able to function and Meppershall would part of its community*

### **Treasurer's Report & New Development Update (See PDF attached)**

#### **Member's questions**

Has the planning application been approved?

The planning application has still not been approved. The Noise Abatement Officer is unhappy that there may be disturbance to neighbours if discos or live music takes place in the temporary village hall. Until she has assurances that this has been considered and acted upon the planning application cannot be passed. DB working on this.

Croudace are currently carrying out soil sampling behind the existing village hall.

GW expressed concern that if the social club cannot raise funds by holding discos and live music then they would not be able to afford the current rent. DB said that this could be reviewed.

## **Elections**

Louise Hutson was elected as a Trustee; nominated by Paul Carne and seconded by Dave Foskett. The other Trustees were re-elected;

Steve Ansell as Chairman  
Dave Birch as Treasurer

Melanie Fergus will continue as Secretary and Louise Hutson as Bookings Secretary.

Graham Walker will continue in his role as Caretaker for the Village Hall.

The elected Trustees are now Steve Ansell, Dave Birch, Graham Walker, Graham Jones, Jeff Hurst and Louise Hutson, with Dave Foskett representing the PC as a user.

**The meeting closed at 8.25pm.**