



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2008

Date: 15th May 2008

The 24th Annual General Meeting of the Whippingham Community Association was chaired by Mrs Audrey Thorne.

Apologies of absence were received from:

Mr John Wildeman
Mrs Chrissie Saunders
Mr Brian Taylor

Those present were Mrs Audrey Thorne; Mr Ray Thorne; Mrs Genny Taylor; Mr Fred Blackman; Mrs Grace Davison; Mr Maurice Wildeman; Mr Tony Saunders

One member of the public attended: Mrs Jill Darling

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2007 were read, approved and signed.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mrs Audrey Thorne thanked all Committee members for their help and support throughout the year.

Lettings had slightly decreased.

Mrs Madi Chessell was given thanks for all her work as Letting Officer which was much appreciated.

Mr Brian Taylor had worked tirelessly for a grant for the Heritage Trail, and this had brought forth monthly projects of interest including walks. The official opening of the Heritage Trail would be on May 17th by Jill Green, a noted walker, and would include a walk, followed by a buffet at the Hall.

Mr and Mrs Maurice Wildeman were thanked for providing refreshments for the Heritage Project programmes.

Mr Tony Saunders and Mr John Chessell were praised for their hard work restoring the kitchen and sink with the generous legacy left by a past Committee member, Mrs Doris Othen; the kitchen had received a good facelift. A plaque in memory of Mrs Othen was placed in the main hall over the kitchen hatch.

Mr Ray Thorne was thanked for decorating the ladies toilet and for all his hours put in as caretaker. The Hall always looked smart and welcoming due to his care.

Mr Fred Blackman kept the tubs outside the Hall looking colourful and kept the hedges pruned and the daffodils along the outside banks were de-headed after their beauty had diminished and all this work was much appreciated.

The Whippingham School Bell was restored by the blacksmith, Mr Trevor Ran and a special dedication ceremony was arranged for January 11th 2008. Mrs Grace Davison re-enacted Queen Victoria with Mrs Nora

Wray as Lady in Waiting and Mr Ray Thorne as Equerry. All the teachers and children at Whippingham School dressed in Victorian costume and a piper and bugler announced the "Royal Party"! The Rev. J Hall said prayers and six chosen children rang the bell which is now rung daily. We heard it ring whilst in Committee! Mr Brian Taylor photographed the event.

A Parish Council has been formed and prior to this a Management Committee had dealt with any necessary business.

The December carol Concert by the East Cowes Band had been an enjoyable success and has been booked for December 2008.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr Maurice Wildeman also noted that Lettings were slightly down.
Expenditure was up because of the purchase of computer equipment
Repairs and maintenance were noted and miscellaneous officer expenses
Detailed Deposit Account
Heritage Trail Project plus workshop expenses.

All these accounts were checked and approved by Mr Tony Saunders. Mr Tony Saunders proposed the acceptance of the Report and was seconded by Mrs Grace Davison.

Hire charges of the Hall to be discussed with the Letting Officer, Mrs Madi Chessell and the next Committee meeting will reveal any changes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman: Mrs Audrey Thorne
Proposed by Mr Tony Saunders
Seconded by Mr Maurice Wildeman

Secretary: Mrs Grace Davison
Proposed by Mrs Genny Taylor
Seconded by Mr Ray Thorne

Treasurer Mr Maurice Wildeman
Proposed by Mr Fred Blackman
Seconded by Mr Tony Saunders

Election of Committee: Re-elected en-bloc
Mr Tony Saunders
Mrs Chrissie Saunders
Mrs Genny Taylor
Mr Brian Taylor
Mr Ray Thorne
Mr Fred Blackman
Mr John Wildeman

Mrs Genny Taylor on behalf of the Committee thanked Mr and Mrs Ray Thorne for the care and concern throughout the year, greatly benefiting the needs of the Hall, and extended appreciation to Mrs Davison as Secretary and Mr M Wildeman as Treasurer and also to Mr Fred Blackman for tending hedges and the floral tubs.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees of Whippingham Community Hall are:

Mr Fred Blackman
Mr Ray Thorne
Mrs Audrey Thorne
Mr Maurice Wildeman
Mr John Wildeman

Mr Madi Chessell is willing to continue as Lettings Officer

The Tea Dances will continue on Friday afternoons.

The Whist Drives will carry on with Mr John Wildeman in charge.

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A Parish Council has now been formed and members are asked to attend meetings if possible to note the situation re the future of the Whippingham Community Hall.

Signed by:
Mrs Audrey Thorne, Chairperson WCA

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