

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE VILLAGE HALL

Charity number: - 304551

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on 4th May, 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

1. **Present:** - Mrs. C. Delaney, Mrs. D. Creed, Mrs. K. Dodge, Mrs. K. Doyle, Mr. M. Doyle, Mrs. S. Jinks, Mrs. V. Marden, Mrs. D. Riddell, Mr. P. Riddell, Mr. M. Southwell, Mr. T. Cherry, Mrs. V. Cherry, Mrs. S. Phillips, Mrs. R. Richards.
2. **Apologies** – none.
3. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting** held on 15th May, 2019 were approved.
4. **Matters arising** – none.
5. **The Chairperson’s Annual Report as follows** was approved by the Committee: -

The Village Hall had been without a chairperson for a few years until I was co-opted on to the Committee on 6th October 2021. The Committee lost its Treasurer around the same time but were fortunate in that Daphne Creed and Sian Jinks agreed to step up and take on this role between them.

It goes without saying that the use of the Village Hall in the last few years has been dramatically affected by the onset of the Corona virus pandemic and the Government imposed restrictions relating to Covid19 which meant that, for a time, activities were totally suspended.

The accounts can be viewed on the Village Website and show that both Hall Hire and Fundraising Income reduced considerably in the years to 31/3/21 and 31/3/22. Some meetings (such as those of the WI) which would have held in the Hall were held via Zoom and other events such as the Player’s production of ‘The Witches’ our Moviola Film “The Last Bus” and our planned jumble sale were cancelled in Jan/Feb 2022 due to rising Covid cases. The Hall also suffered from the loss of other traditional sources of income such as: donations from the Street Fayre, the Horse and Dog Show, Turkey Supper, the Village Breakfast and Bonfire Night.

Despite a dramatic reduction in Hall Hire and Fundraising income, the Hall expenses (such as electricity and Insurance costs) still had to be met and so the Committee are very grateful to have received grants in the two years to 31/3/2022 from South Somerset District Council to help us through the pandemic.

Even in a ‘normal’ year, the income we receive from Hall Hire is not sufficient to meet our outgoings and so we are extremely grateful to those volunteers who continue to give up their time and energy into both fundraising activities and in helping with small jobs around the Hall. Those who have helped with the coffee mornings and film nights deserve particular mention as they benefit both the Hall and the Community.

Maintaining and improving the Hall remains a priority of the Committee. Since the last report a hearing loop has been installed (funded by means of a grant), re-pointing work undertaken, fibre-glass roofing installed on the main roof and the soffit boards and guttering at the rear of the hall have also been replaced. The stage area was also plastered and re-painted during lockdown.

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The Hardington Players

Mrs. D. Creed
Mrs. K. Doyle
Mrs. D. Riddell

9. **Any other business** – none received prior to the agenda being issued.

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