

**Minutes of the annual parish meeting of Little Hereford held on
Thursday 29th April, 2021 virtually via Zoom at 7.30pm.**

There were 5 electors present.
Mr N Monk chaired the meeting.

Apologies had been received from R Barber.

Minutes of the last meeting - The minutes of the last annual parish meeting in 2019 were read out, agreed and signed as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

Chairmans Report – Parish Hall – Eva had forwarded her report. The hall interior was decorated throughout during lockdown. As a small business grants were sought and received to compensate for being closed. Further major improvements are now being considered such as exterior decoration and possibly their own septic tank.

Tracey the Caretaker moved to Tenbury and thanks were given for her work to the hall, Heather Crowther has taken over the role.

Some regular bookings have been lost due to Covid, both the Pilates classes. The new dance fit class will continue and a second may be added, Table Tennis, Art and Choir are keen to return and whist drives possibly after 21st June.

To ensure all stay safe, risk assessments are in place and much advice has been received from Community First and Acre. Grateful thanks also to Jan King and Wendy White for their efforts, especially Jan who circulated all the information, and for her role as Treasurer working with the Charity Commission.

Safeguarding was highlighted as requiring a policy and a Trustee has been delegated to be responsible.

Planned reopening on 17th May will, hopefully mean business and usual. Thanks to the committee who have had much to do over the last year despite the hall being closed. An AGM is planned after 17th May.

Treasurers Report – Parish Hall

During the financial year of 2018-2019 income totalled £9,153.13, expenditure was £12,094.59 giving a deficit of £2,941.46.

This was due to cancellation of village fete due to bad weather and higher expenditure on maintenance and new equipment. New storage space in the stage area, wall sound absorbers in the main hall and repairs to the roof were made. However, income was higher from room hire, the Christmas Fair, the 100 club and bank interest. Pleasingly usage of the hall has remained consistent over the past 6 years without the need to raise rental income.

Overall another financially healthy year, funds at the bank at year end amounted to £41,917.75.

During the financial year of 2019-2020 income totalled £15,271.19, expenditure was £9,517.20 giving a profit of £5,753.99.

Income and overall profit differed from previous years due to Covid19 and hall closures necessary due to Government regulations.

Therefore there was reduced income from room hire, the fete was cancelled. However, all of this was offset by an increase in monies raised at the Christmas Fair, a refund of water charges and bank interest.

Regular hall users are returning and there are several new groups wishing to hire the hall regularly.

Overall another financially healthy year, funds at the bank at year end amounted to £47,671.74.

Bedlam Charity

Sian Harris advised that the balance is now £738.29 and nothing has been paid out.

Any other business

Potholes were reported from Temple Meadow and Temple Farm, our Lengthsman will be informed and a cone placed to highlight the danger.

Potholes also need repairing from Upper House to Hall House – again our Lengthsman to be informed.

It was reported that on 11th May, a tour of the parish will be taking place with our Locality Steward to identify mainly drainage issues.

This will be the last Zoom meeting as from 7th May we will be required to meet face to face. Care will need to be taken about keeping everyone safe, we have been lucky in our area compared to others but we still need to be vigilant.

The noticeboards around the parish are in need of attention, the Clerk advised that repairs will be costed and agreed.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed

Date

Chairman

