

HASTOE VILLAGE HALL TRUST

Charity no. 1121061

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Hastoe Village Hall on
Tuesday 4th October 2011 at 8.00 p.m.**

Present:	Trustees:	David Ridgwell (in the Chair) Richard White
	Committee Members:	Jenny Goldby Nigel Lane (Hon. Secretary) John Popple
	In Attendance:	Penny Ridgwell (minute secretary) 12 others per attached Attendance Sheet

Apologies for absence were received from Andy Wheldon, Bob Brace, Jane Hill, Caroline Wheldon and Peter Warren.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Notice had been properly given, there was a quorum present and the meeting was duly constituted.

1. Chairman's Report

Changes since the last AGM had been as follows:

- Carol Cullen resigned on 4th January 2011 after serving as a trustee for some 47 years.
- Andy Wheldon, who was unable to attend the meeting, had been appointed a trustee on 22nd September 2011. Accordingly the current trustees were Andy Wheldon, Richard White and David Ridgwell.
- Restoration of the library had been completed and the restoration fund to complete the remainder of the project had been launched on 1st April 2011.
- Grants had been secured of £2,500 from Herts County Council towards roof repairs and of £2,500 from Tring Town Council towards a new kitchen. The Hastoe Club and Residents' Association ('HCRA') had donated over £12,000 raised through their fund-raising events held during the year. Thanks to the efforts of Cathy Maund and members of the Fundraising sub-committee, £9,675 had been received from The Big Lottery Fund. The recent Charlotte de Rothschild concert had proved very popular and raised over £2,100 and finally, a total of £27,500 in gift aided donations had been received from local residents. The Chairman thanked all who had contributed to such a successful outcome.
- The possibility of securing a further £50,000 matched funding from the Chiltern Leader Fund was being pursued and the required paperwork being prepared for imminent submission; the outcome should be known by the end of November. If there was a favourable decision, restoration works would be completed during 2012.
- There had been 39 Hall bookings since April 2011, ranging from a wedding reception to the Boy Scouts' AGM and from drama rehearsals to yoga. It remained the intention of the Committee to secure a wide diversity of activities so as to attract as many people as possible from Hastoe and the surrounding area.

2. Village Hall Management Committee ('VHMC')

The Chairman reported that, in accordance with the rules set out in the Trust Deed, Jenny Goldby now retired by rotation from the VHMC. The HCRA had nominated Jenny Goldby for re-election to the VHMC and had additionally nominated Irene Purse to fill a further vacancy. Following the resignation of John Betts after his move from the area, there were now no Community Representatives on the VHMC.

Nigel Lane reported that he had approached Peter Warren, who lives at Spencers Green at the bottom of the Crong; Peter had shown considerable support for the restoration project and he had agreed to stand for election to the VHMC. Unfortunately Peter was unable to attend tonight's meeting but Nigel gave a brief resumé of his background.

In response to the Chairman's appeal, there were no other nominations for election from those present,

After a ballot, it was RESOLVED *nem con* that Jenny Goldby, Irene Purse and Peter Warren be hereby elected members of the VHMC.

3. Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 30th April 2010

The meeting considered the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 30th April 2011.

Richard White noted that the Report outlined the administration details, structure, governance and management of the Hall. The objectives and activities complied with those set out in the Trust Deed. The Financial Review detailed income and expenditure, mainly from donations, grants and hiring of the Hall. Unrestricted funds for this period were £5,000 held for on-going maintenance costs and for the wider restoration of the hall. This was considered to be an appropriate amount for a village hall with charitable status.

Income for the year had increased from £6,358 in 2009/10 to £9,067 in the year under review, mostly due to donations from the HCRA and hiring of the Hall. Professional costs and restoration work to the Library had resulted in funds carried forward being reduced from £9,491 at 30th April 2010 to £5,077 at 30th April 2011.

Richard noted that, until the income from the hall exceeded £20,000, expenditure on the restoration would be subject to VAT. However, through Gift Aid, the charity was now able to reclaim 25p tax for every pound received in donations and, since £49,000 had been received since the year end, this had already resulted in a saving of over £5,000.

The Accounts had been prepared in accordance with Charity Commission guidance for charities the size of the Trust to ensure compliance with applicable accounting standards and legislation. As the Trust's income for the year was under £25,000, there was no requirement for the Accounts to be externally examined.

In the Accounts, no value was attributed to the Hall in view of Lord Rothschild's option under the Trust Deed, in the event of sale, to purchase it for a sum equal to the costs of improvements. Improvement costs to date had been minimal.

John Popple proposed, Peter Cadman seconded, and IT WAS RESOLVED that the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 30th April 2011 be approved and adopted.

4. Closure

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.00 p.m.

Chairman

ATTENDANCE SHEET

Sally Berrisford

Peter Cadman

Gita Caller

Mike Goldby

John Hill

Ritva Lane

Cathy Maund

Irene Purse

Pete Thomas

Sheila Weiner

Glynys Meek

M. Mason