

Meppershall Village Hall
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
6pm Sunday 24th June 2018

Trustees Present David Birch, David Foskett, Laura Hing, Louise Hutson, Graham Walker, Jeff Hurst, Graham Jones

Trustees Report

David Birch presented the Trustees Report and Financial Accounts.

The new Village Hall is planned to be completed by the end of October and open for Christmas.

The Temporary Village Hall building was insured by Croudace, hence the reduction in insurance costs to £694. Croudace had also paid for the provision of a generator and water costs when the temporary hall first opened.

The Hallmaster online booking and invoicing system had been introduced both to help meet GDPR requirements and streamline the management of bookings.

The Trustees Report and Financial Accounts were proposed by Paul Carne and passed unanimously.

Questions about the new Village Hall

Q Does the money cover everything on the “wish list”?

A It’s important to manage expectations to ensure the most important elements are met. The CCTV is an essential requirement, but an electric card type access system may not be cost effective. Quotes for the bar area fit out are being obtained.

Q/A It’s not anticipated that further funding will be sought from the Parish Council?

Q/A The main hall and large meeting room will have a hearing loop installed.

Q Will local residents have priority bookings/a reduced rate?

A The Trust Deed provides for a Village Hall for the “*use of inhabitants of Meppershall and the neighbourhood*”, and the Trustees have a duty to maximise income for the Charity.

All current regular users will be offered similar bookings.

The online booking system will be open to all, but bookings are accepted at the discretion of the Trustees.

A split rate is potentially open to abuse but the Trustees will be looking to support Community organisations/community ventures.

Q/A Several questions were asked about potential damage/vandalism. The Trustees confirmed they were conscious of the risks and looking at ways of managing them.

Elections of Trustees

David Birch, David Foskett, Laura Hing, Louise Hutson, Graham Walker, Jeff Hurst and Graham Jones were re-elected.

AOB

It was suggested that the provisions of Adult exercise equipment, as well as Play Equipment on the field should be considered such as seen in Langford and Millennium Green.

It was suggested that some form of Youth Club may be worth considering, subject to finding volunteers to run it.

Meeting ended 1909