

STEVENTON PLAYERS
AGM
Tuesday, 3rd November 2020

MEETING STARTED AT 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Officers: Marilyn Wright (Chairman)
Shona Gruzelier (Treasurer)
Sue Brinsley (Secretary)

Committee: Rachel Cheesman, Rosina Forde, Jeff Dodgson, Jan Everton-Browne
John Smith

Also present: Barbara Stuart, Ian Stuart, Chris Smith, Tim Sennett, Linda Sennett
Mike Everton, Paul Wright

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None received.

2. MINUTES OF AGM 5th NOVEMBER 2019

Approved. Signed by Sue on Marilyn's behalf.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Item 7b: Blackout curtains for village hall – Update

The village hall committee obtained some quotes, which were all too expensive, so an alternative solution was investigated. The result is that Rachel & Tamsin found suitable fabric at an acceptable price and various people in the village are going to make the curtains. In fact Tamsin received the material today.

Cost of material = £315. It was agreed to split this cost 50/50 between Steventon Players and the Village Hall Committee. As this is a benefit to the whole village, it is appropriate that the Steventon Players contribution will be paid from the Jane Austen teas fund.

Item 7d: Village Facebook page and communication

We have a public Facebook page and a closed group up and running. Rachel has been working on publicising it, encouraging people to communicate through it.

There is a private group, and a general public group. To join the private group you have ask to be included. Rachel, Tim and Amanda are authorised to approve people.

There was some discussion around how to ensure that people are aware of these.

Tim Sennett volunteered to produce a spreadsheet of who is on Cassandra, and compare this list with who is on Facebook. We could then contact those who are not on both with reminders.

Chris Smith asked if the 'New residents pack' still existed. This has lapsed but it was agreed it would be good to reactivate it. Chris volunteered to do this.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It was only a year ago that I was reporting on a busy year with lots of activities. This year has been so different.

It has been impossible to maintain any social activities with the government restrictions although the year began well with Coffee and Cake and a film night. As we prepared for a variety show and Charlie's play everything ground to a halt. Efforts were then put into supporting the community with Rachel Cheesman convening a team of volunteers and Rosina Forde organising the bakers to provide cakes for Rachel Palmer's team at Southampton Hospital.

As restrictions were relaxed the Steventon Singers managed one outdoor rehearsal in the garden at Copse Cottage before the 'rule of six' was imposed. The Book Group also had two garden meetings as a break from monthly Zoom meetings.

We are blessed to live in a supportive village with good communication trying to keep everyone in touch with each other and providing help for those who need it through Facebook, Whats App and Cassandra. Thank you to everyone who maintains these.

We now look forward to rescheduling all our events for 2021.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Shona presented the accounts, copy attached.

The Steventon Players payment for use of the village hall is paid in arrears, so this payment is still outstanding. The amount due for the current year to be reviewed with the Village Hall Committee, to take into account the greatly reduced usage.

Shona was thanked for producing the accounts and for providing a very clear explanation.

6. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

The current committee members all agreed to stand again. There were no other nominations received.

a) **Chairman**

Proposed by Sue, seconded by Rosina
RE-ELECTED

b) **Secretary**

Proposed by Chris, seconded by Rachel
RE-ELECTED

c) **Treasurer**

Proposed by Rosina, seconded by Jan
RE-ELECTED

d) **Committee members**

Proposed en bloc by Mike Everton, seconded by Chris. This was agreed unanimously by the meeting. Therefore:

Charlie Palmer

Jan Everton

Jeff Dodgson

John Smith

Rachel Cheesman

Rosina Forde

ALL RE-ELECTED

Peter Lees will continue as the ex-officio member representing both the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee.

Chris proposed a vote of thanks to all the committee for their continued hard work.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

THE MEETING FINISHED AT 8.15pm