

## **Cornworthy Village Hall Annual General Meeting Village Hall 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

### **Present: Existing Committee**

Bill Petheram (BP)	Chair
Paul Sterry (PS)	Treasurer
Sheila Williamson (SW)	Secretary
Elly Finn (EF)	Committee Member, Buildings/Hall Upgrade
Dawn Williams (DW)	Committee Member, Social Events Co/Football
David Carver (DC)	Committee Member
Andy Gold (AG)	Committee member
Simon Baker (SB)	Committee Member (Fundraising)

In attendance including A. Hawkes, P Fowler, E. Sherwood, A. Sherwood, H Tuppen, G. Tuppen, N. Robbins, D. Devaney, J. Reid, R Stevenson, C. Thompson, B. Thompson, P. Sterry, Maxine Williams, Chris Williamson, Philippa Pratt, Tania Jones

### **Apologies: none**

1. Welcome from the Chair.
2. Minutes of the last AGM on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – agreed as a true record and signed by BP.
3. Matters Arising  
– none not covered by the agenda.
4. Chairman's Annual Report:  
BP read his report (see attached) recognising the significant amount of progress achieved over the last 12 months, thanking all those involved and emphasising that more fundraising is required going forward.
5. Treasurer's Report:  
PS delivered his report (see attached) for the period 01.09.22 -31.08.23.
6. Bookings Annual Report:  
SW ran through the series of events that have taken place during the year and concluded that there is evidence that the hall is thriving.
7. Review of Charges:  
Peter Fowler was invited to inform the AGM attendees about the proposed new charges for the Hall. He noted that the hall charges haven't been increased since 2018 (with electricity charges not having been reviewed since 2009) and need to be updated. He listed the proposed updated charges (see attached) highlighting the elimination of charges being based on the number of persons attending, and reintroducing charges for crockery, etc. Membership rate will increase from £30 to

£50; membership will be open to individuals in the parish as well as not-for-profit organisations to join and thereby benefit from some reductions in hall charges. The proposed revised charges would result in a 17.5% increase in income based on 2022/2023 usage of the hall. A discussion about charges for opening the hall to enable the toilet facilities to be used was deferred to the committee meeting following the AGM. The idea of creating a “supporter” of the hall category to increase funds raised was suggested and met with general approval. Whilst the AGM attendees demonstrated their support for the proposed new charges by a show of hands, the matter was correctly deferred to the committee meeting when all hall charges would be considered and determined by the trustees.

8. Hall refurbishment

EF summarised the progress achieved in upgrading the hall: a detailed survey had been undertaken, two successful grant applications made, and the priority works (heating system, fire and safety review, ventilation system) completed. New fire doors will be installed at the end of November. Thanks were extended to Kelvin Gitsham for all the work undertaken on the electric system, to Paul and Rebecca for their efforts on the redecoration and to Dawn for improving the kitchen. It was noted that more fundraising will be undertaken to fund the 5-year maintenance schedule (which will include inter alia the front doors, pointing and window repairs), and EF believes that there is scope to apply to DEFRA for more funding.

9. 100+ Club charges – these were left up to the trustees to determine.

10. AOB:

No other business was raised.

11. Management Committee Resignations:

The existing committee resigned. David Carver highlighted that BP had served for two years as chair and proposed a vote of thanks to him, to general applause. It was noted that Sheila Williamson and Elly Finn had confirmed that they would not stand again.

12. Election to the new Committee:

Chair: Simon Baker was proposed by Ted Tuppen, seconded by David Carver and the vote for was unanimous.

Treasurer: Paul Sterry agreed to stand again, and this was unanimously approved.

Secretary: Hilary Tuppen was proposed by Peter Fowler and seconded by David Carver and the vote for was unanimous.

The following trustees were proposed and voted for unanimously: Jilly Reid, Dawn Williams, Andy Gold, David Carver and Bill Petheram.

Elly Finn will remain in charge of the hall upgrade, Donna Devaney will stay in charge of facilities and Peter Fowler will remain in charge of hall bookings, all as “associate members” rather than trustees.

BP thanked everyone for all their hard work on the committee and the Hunters Lodge for both the Apple Day and the Pig Racing event and closed the AGM.