

## **SNETTISHAM MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELD**

**Charity No. 304065**

### **MINUTES OF THE AGM MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14th MARCH 2023**

Present: Peter Bradshaw (PB); Arthur Clarkson (AC); Linda Standeven (LS); Stan Burak (SB); Rebecca Chilvers (RC); Jackie Walker (JW); Jan Sexton (JS); David Sexton (DS); Paul Herbert (PH);

Visitors: include – Edward Stanton (ES); David Bocking; John Standeven; John Fry; Bob Almey; Gill & Rod Mackenzie; Gerald Byrne; George Deverick; Graham Hall; Pat Moughton; Julie Goodyear; Jacqui & Kevin Penty; Ralph Garwood;

1. PB welcomed all to the meeting in the Hall and to please join us at end for refreshments and a chat.
2. Apologies for absence – Val Douglas;
3. Pavilion Project Update – PB introduced Edward Stanton (ES) - Chairman of the Subgroup and Graham Hall (GH) ES advised of a recently delivered leaflet posted to all residents in the village of a meeting to be held on the field on Saturday at 1pm to give any interested people a chance to see the current state of the Pavilion which is really not fit for purpose. Peter Everingham will speak of the fifteen men from the village who died in WWII. ES spoke at the launch of the project in November 2021 of the three men who had been torpedoed not once but twice on a journey from Singapore to Japan and died in WWI. Stuart Dark (currently leader of KL&WN Borough Council) was instrumental in getting the project launched in 2021 and he along with Peter Everingham and a few others visited the war graves of the 45 fallen men from WWI. This Pavilion was built by the village men who returned from war and is one of a few working pavilions in the country. We also have the support of Lady Dannatt Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk.

There is a barometer in Market Square which shows our current funds stand at £175,000 which is a good sum to have achieved in just over a year. ES thanked the MHT Committee for their generosity in initially getting the funding off the ground and has since received donations / pledges from other organisations including The Halls Foundation; KLBC; Wild Kenhill and other individual donations. There

is also a leaflet available at this meeting explaining how to donate giving all villagers a chance to feel involved.

The Parish Council is very much involved with the Chairman and Julie Smith being on the subgroup committee.

Graham Hall, also on the committee, is compiling a list of fundraising events alongside the Events Committee.

ES asked if anyone had any questions – none.

PB thanked ES for his update.

4. Chairman's Report – Since the launch of our fundraising activity in November 2021 I'm delighted to advise that the first full year has seen us raise a staggering £175k towards the full restoration of the sports pavilion.

Our thanks go to all who have worked tirelessly and have supported this venture so far and to the Pavilion team for all their hard work and efforts.

More grant applications have been made and more are still to be made this coming year. Project plans are that we will start some form of work in the autumn / winter 2023 continuing until completion hopefully in 2024/25.

We will also be holding a public meeting on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March @ 1pm on the playing field in front of the Pavilion to update all – please do come along.

Work continues to improve the dyke area at the top of the sports field with an improved system of drainage clearance hopefully being implemented this coming springtime.

Our thanks are also passed to our Parish Council for their help and support on our projects. Plans are available to view or do please ask any questions you may have at the end of the meeting.

We have recently made changes to our website incorporating both the Hall and Pavilion now on one site – information will continue to be updated on an ongoing basis.

We have continued our improvement plans for the Memorial Hall with money being invested in new seating and equipment.

Our fund raising group have been very busy this past year with the introduction of tabletop sales events and coffee mornings which are proving to be a great success.

We have further plans to create a new bar area which will be much bigger and more customer friendly – grants will be applied for to assist us in this project.

More works have had to be carried out to the area behind the stage with much of the plaster having to be removed- walls dried and then re plastered – this has been completed and is now also painted.

We are currently working on plans to see our main hall fabrics replaced over the coming months.

Further work actioned this past year has seen all electrics checked and certificated.

A completely new fire warning system has been installed with updated plans and signage in place.

Further projects such as our bar area and new fabrics plus repairs to our roof and work outside to the car park are part of our business plan for 2023 to 2024.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all colleagues who have worked with me this past year to maintain the field – your help and support has been much appreciated.

So, you will see we continue to work hard to improve all aspects of the facilities and building as fast as we can.

My thanks go to all organisations who have helped and supported the Memorial Trustees in the past year.

My thanks to the village hall committee/ trustees and all other people and organisations who have helped this past year. I would like to say a big thank you to everybody who has supported any of our projects over the past months – this is very much appreciated.

PB invited any questions – Gerald Burn (GB) enquired if the MHT have a business plan – PB advised we do have one in place which we are currently working towards. GB then took up the legality of who owns the Hall, Field and Pavilion – all knew this has been a contentious issue which in regards to the Pavilion has been resolved after a lot of investigation and it is the property of the Parish Council run by a Management Committee who are a charity. GB continued to question how the committee run things and raise money especially quoting coaching should be organised – Kevin Penty advised him the setting up of sports activities, etc need be done by individuals using the MHT facilities – PB – brought a finish this line of questioning by

reiterating the field and Pavilion were an asset of the village and should be there to be enjoyed by all.

5. Treasurers Report – LS had provided the financial account papers – she advised we were still recovering from the knock on effects of COVID. All paperwork, bills receipts, etc were available to be examined.
6. To agree Minutes of AGM 2022 – PB asked if all were in agreement for minutes to be signed – proposed LS; seconded PH with all in favour.
7. Public Questions – none
8. Election of Trustees – PB advised all Trustees would now step down – he again thanked all for their help and work over the past year and turned the meeting over to the floor.  
David Bocking proposed the previous Trustees be re-appointed and he thanked them for their good work; seconded by Bob Almey with the majority present voting for this. PB thanked floor for their trust in our ongoing work.  
SB advised he would be resigning from the Committee.
9. Date of next AGM – 12th March 2024 at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.
10. Meeting closed at 8.00, and refreshments served.

Signed ..... Dated .....