

## **Whalton Village Hall Committee**

### **Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Stephen Trobe (Chair), Richard Grix (Vice Chair), Nicola Robson (Treasurer), Jamie Thompson (Secretary), Linda Willis, Anna Sill, Bev Wales, Shelley Clough, Karen Fenwick, James Metcalf, Ed Bishop, Helen Talbot, Anna Rainbow, Richard Potter

**Apologies:** Ross Hobson, Geoff Bird

#### **Minutes**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 11th August 2020 were summarised, agreed and signed as a correct record.

#### **Chair's Annual Report**

*Welcome everyone to the 2021 Village Hall annual meeting. It has been another year disrupted by Covid but I think we have come through 'not so bad'. I would like to thank all the committee for their work over the year. I would also like to thank Linda (and her partner Andrew) for keeping this hall in this spotless condition. Without Linda's outstanding work our re-opening would almost certainly have been delayed. I am sure that we are all aware that Linda's duties go far beyond cleaning and looking after the hall's appearance. In fact that is now the easy part of the job! As a small token of our appreciation Linda, we have bought you some flowers. Thanks also to my Vice Chair Richard, Secretary Jamie and Nicola our Treasurer .... But I'm afraid we haven't bought you anything!*

*Apart from the 100 club all our fund-raising events had to be cancelled due to the second wave of Covid. Linda squeezed in a bingo night for the local residents but there was no Village Show, no bonfire, no Burns night ... there wasn't even a jumble sale or carol service. We did however receive a kind donation from Mrs Barbour of £10k which was the average profit from previous shows. As customary with the Show profits we shared this gift with the school and the church. Dame Barbour's gift was timely, thoughtful, generous and very much appreciated. We also received a Covid compensation payment for loss of income which our treasurer will report on. Finally, I would like to thank both the Parish Council for their grant which subsidises rental costs for our village groups and of course to all the people and groups who use the hall.*

*In November Linda moved out of the cottage. The committee decided it the cottage should be let out and we engaged an estate agent (Rook Matthew Sayer). The old stone cottage had heating, damp and water issues and achieving an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) was not straightforward with further complications obtaining Economy 7 supply and with electricity suppliers. However, we can now say that the cottage is up to standard and ready to be let. Particular thanks to Shelley and Bev for their hard work with this.*

*In December the 100 club kicked off again with 11 extra members bringing the total to 333 members.*

*In February Whalton Hall was entered onto a Village Hall Portal run by CAN with the idea of promoting halls to a wider audience and market.*

*In April and May we saw some of our user groups return. We have two new yoga classes (making a total of 3) and an additional art group (making total of 2). We also have a keep-fit class. The carpet bowls group have just started again. Whist group and WI are deciding shortly about their future.*

*Mellissa Stevenson started as the new Toddler group leader bringing a new lease of life to the group and (happily) renewing and reducing the number of toys.*

*Over the year from July 2020 to September 21 we hosted seven weddings with income £5295. Going forward we have nine more booked for the coming year. There is also quite a bit of interest in hiring the hall for music nights, parties etc.*

*Our meetings. Because of Covid restrictions we decided to use Zoom to hold virtual committee meetings. When we were allowed to meet again in person we decided that we can manage our agenda with bi-monthly meetings with the option to insert additional meetings as circumstances require. This arrangement has worked well to date.*

*We held the village Baal fire as normal on 4<sup>th</sup> July. It was nice, relatively small event but well supported by the village (despite the rain). The Morris Men danced, and Richard organised an excellent fire.*

*The plans to extend the hall for storage and to repair the cottage gable end are no further forward due to problems finding builders at this time. However, storage at the hall is still a huge problem and both projects will be addressed this year.*

*The hall stands in a good financial position and in good repair which is a considerable achievement considering the challenges we have all faced this year. We look forward with hope to a more prosperous year ahead.*

Stephen Trobe (Chairman)

14.9.2021

### **Treasurer's Annual Report**

See separate document

### **Appointment of Trustees**

None

### **Election of Officers**

Nominations were sought for the five committee posts and the results were as

follows:

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
<b>Chair</b>	Stephen Trobe	Richard Grix	Nicola Robson
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Richard Grix	Anna Sill	Stephen Trobe
<b>Treasurer</b>	Nicola Robson	Richard Grix	Shelley Clough
<b>Secretary</b>	Jamie Thompson	Richard Grix	Shelley Clough

All officers were elected unopposed. The remaining trustees (8) for 2019/2020 are:

Karen Fenwick, Richard Potter, Anna Rainbow, Shelley Clough, Bev Wales, Helen Talbot, Geoff Bird and Timmy Norton (honorary).

Stephen Trobe assumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

### **Co-opted Members**

Julie McGorrie, Ed Bishop, Chris Allison, Ross Hobson and James Metcalf remain as co-optees to the committee.

### **Next Annual Meeting**

The AM for 2022 is provisionally scheduled at 7 pm on 12<sup>th</sup> July.

## Treasurer's Report for the Year ending 30th April 2021

### Whalton Village Hall Trust

#### Income

Hall Rent - regular groups	1,303.50
Hall Rent - Parties, etc	185.00
Weddings	1,560.00
Fund Raising	
100 Club	3,330.00
Grants & Donations	17,598.50
Bank Interest	
Other	10.00
Table Hire	

**Total** **£23,987.00**

#### Expenditure

Electricity	985.15
Repairs & Cleaning	1,284.09
Telephone	519.99
Water Rates	367.67
Caretaker	6,147.89
Insurance	2,033.58
Petty Cash	285.51
Sundry Expenses	209.88
Wedding refunds - Covid cxl	980.00
100 club	1,985.00
Allocation of donation recd in October 2020	6,666.65
Cottage	3,471.49
Website	133.18

**Total** **£25,070.08**

Income	23,987.00
Expenditure	25,070.08
Surplus	-£1,083.08

#### Bank Balances at 30.4.2021

Current Account	£14,914.91
Virgin deposit	£46,512.00
100 Club	£4,867.00
Float monies	£500.00
Petty Cash	£100.00
Less Reserves	£42,000.00

**Total Working Capital** **£24,893.91**

## Whalton Village Hall

### **Treasurers Report for Year Ending 30th April 2021**

#### Income

Our income has been badly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, the first national lockdown starting in March 2020 and continuing until 4th July 2020, when we held the annual Ba'al fire. Several weddings were postponed/cancelled

changed dates, unfortunately this was not unique to us.

We managed a small amount of income between July and the next lockdown, which was from November, but guidelines such as the 'Rule of 6' and the 'Tier' system were introduced from September, which reduced any chance of income further. In January, another lockdown commenced, and was not relaxed until well into April, which is the end of our financial year.

Grants have been almost the only income stream for the whole year, we have been fortunate to have received just over £10k from a combination of County Council, Barbour Foundation and Whalton Parish Council all generously contributing.

The 100 Club continues to be a good source of income, and our thanks go to the Chairman, for his time and efforts to ensure the smooth running of it.

#### Expenditure

As always the running and maintenance of the Hall is our main expense. Even though it has not been open for the majority of the year, utility charges, general repairs, cleaning, including enhanced procedures to ensure we stay Covid safe.

Average monthly costs over the year are £1600, which is a reduction on the previous year, but this year has been like no other, and it is difficult for any real comparison.

#### Summary

Now that the pandemic lockdowns seem to have eased, and life is getting some semblance of 'normal' again, we have already had some weddings taking place, and various groups have returned to use the Hall.

Fundraising should be able to recommence, with our main events being Bonfire Night & Burns Night, neither of which have been held for the last 2 years.

Hopefully this year, 2021 - 2022, will have some healthy income, and not too many expenses!