

## MIDDLETON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

### DRAFT MINUTES OF AGM MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024

**Present:** Nicola Allen, Steve Dick, Tina Green, Dianne Jeremy, Paul Jeremy (Chair), Charles Monkhouse, Janet Renwick, Donna Sealey, Mark Sealey, David Sewell, Bev Worrall, Pete Worrall,

#### 1. Welcome to the Meeting

Paul Jeremy (Chair) welcomed those present.

#### 2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mary Marsh, Helen Brocklehurst and Hayley Sanders

#### 3. Approval of the AGM minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023

The minutes of the AGM 2023 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

#### 4. Matters arising

None.

#### 5. Chairman's Report

Paul Jeremy explained that the full version of the Chairman's Report for 2023/4 will be posted on the notice board and circulated to residents as an email and paper copy.

A summary of the report was provided to the meeting:

- Ceilidh in September was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.
- The Harvest Supper in October went well.
- The Children's Christmas Party was cancelled due to snow and the Youlgrave Silver Band were unable to attend for the same reason.
- The Community Christmas Party was a success, and the quiz was very popular.
- Bateman Arms in February was an excellent event and made a profit of £232 – the drop-in arrangement worked well, especially for families with children.
- The Well-dressings and Village Market were very successful this year. Thanks to Diane Kettle and Shelley Jones for the well-dressing design.  
Profit was £4,321. Innovation of the Gluten-free cakes was excellent as was the Raffle. The Plants Stall was better than ever this year. Morris Dancers, Open Gardens and Church, Skittles, BBQ, and children's hedgehog trail all provided variety and enjoyment. Tombola stall was excellent and the use of the card-reader was a success. The Well-dressing teas were very impressive, the biggest earner for the event and everything was sold/eaten by Sunday afternoon.
- Middleton Rocks did not proceed this year but it is intended that it will take place next year. July committee meeting will discuss contingency planning for unexpected scenarios.
- Village Hall – Internal improvements nearly completed. David Waterhouse met with Paul Jeremy and Matthew Lovell in November but no further contact.  
Village Hall now has Community Asset status. Insurance is split 50/50% with Parish Council. Improvements to the rear of the hall have increased storage space .

#### 6. Annual Accounts

The annual audited accounts were submitted and approved by the AGM.

#### 7. Appointment and election of committee 2024-2025

Charles Monkhouse stood down as Treasurer in March 2024 and resigned from the committee. He was replaced by Pete Worrall.

Hayley Sanders resigned as Secretary and from the committee and was replaced by Donna Sealey.

**The members of the 2024-2025 committee are** Nic Allen, Helen Brocklehurst, Steve Dick, Tina Green, Dianne Jeremy, Paul Jeremy (Chair), Deb Latham, Mary Marsh, Janet Renwick, Donna Sealey (Secretary), Mark Sealey, Bev Worrall, Pete Worrall (Treasurer and Bookings Secretary).

## 8. The Events Programme

A full discussion of the programme of events will take place in the committee meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> July when the annual programme will be finalized.

- Charles Monkhouse proposed a series of children's workshops to be run by him during the summer holidays: 2 sessions per week = 8 in total.

This proposal received unanimous support from the committee. CM will prepare a detailed risk assessment.

- Charles Monkhouse also proposed a project about old documents /palimpsest and an advance notification about the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sites of Meaning project which will require significant grant funding.
- Paul Jeremy proposed the idea of a 'Record of Middleton' history project to identify where historical records about Middleton are currently held. Paul would like to hold a community meeting in October to establish what level of support there is for this idea.
- Bev Worrall suggested that she would like to focus on the needs of the community with its ageing population to determine what the people would like the VHC to be offering – she suggested that an emphasis on wellness/loneliness/poverty might be important. Perhaps a questionnaire to ask "What can we do to improve your quality of life?"
- Pete Worrall said that he had been approached by residents who would like to see a second Bateman Arms night in September.
- Bev Worrall also outlined her idea of 'twinning' a group of volunteers with people in Wharton Hall Gardens – this would boost the Raffle takings too.

All of the above ideas will be discussed by the committee in the July Meeting.

There was no further business. The chair thanked everyone for coming and welcomed the new committee members to the team.