CODFORD VILLAGE HALL - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

ITEM 6 - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Codford Village Hall and the Broadleaze Fields are a community facility and it is only for the benefit of the community that the Management Committee and the many others involved in the Hall do what they do. Thank you to all of those that help run such a great facility for our Community and support its activities, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

My first duty is to report that the Charity continues in a healthy state and that Codford Broadleaze Bar is operating as a viable trading company, not only providing a popular amenity for the village but also contributing to the Charity's funds.

Secondly, following last year's expenditure on the roof refurbishment and glazed doors, this year saw us complete the new patio and water drainage system below it. This work being aided by a grant from our Parish Council for which we are very grateful. We also focused on electrical safety, redecoration and repair work most of which was undertaken by our volunteer maintenance team of Alec Thomson, John Wyeth, John Foster and Simon Mostyn. One notable change to the building was the installation of a mounting system for the Wyle Valley WW1 map, organised and funded by Alex and Barbara Saunt, supported by a Warminster Area Board grant.

The Hall and grounds continue to prove popular and thank you to all of you who hire them, particularly our regular users. A number of events have been held here over the year, most notably the Codford Village Fete last weekend. Many thanks for all of you who have organised such events and I especially want to record my thanks to Crispin Edmonds, and the rest of the team who did a tremendous amount of work to deliver a successful event. The fete not only raised funds for local charities, including the Hall, but also served to enhance community spirit in our area.

The facilities we provide and enjoy are only available due to the efforts of a small but loyal team of employees, Karungi Grant who manages bookings and supports our hirers, and who also, together with Jeanette Elliott, keeps our facilities looking great. Whilst other options to get a drink in Codford may come and go, the Codford Broadleaze Bar continues to serve our community. The Bar has been run smoothly over the past year by Chris Bridel together with Aleisha Palmer and Chloe Gibbons. Chris will be leaving us soon for a change of career, we wish him and his family the best of luck with their new ventures. I must also mention Andy Hedley, Katie Detheridge and Sue Mitchell who have contributed time and effort to help keep the Hall and the Bar running so well.

We are currently advertising for a new Bar Manager. We also need a book-keeper to support the Treasurer with the accounts. Ideally, we'd like to find a volunteer with the skills and time to do this but are prepared to employ someone on a part-time basis if we can't find a volunteer. Please contact the Committee if you think you could help or know someone else who might be able to do so.
Recently Dennis Mackay stood down as a trustee on moving from the area, we appreciate Dennis' input to our work, particularly as the Tennis Club representative.

We wish him well in his new life abroad and I'm pleased to announce that Vincie Abbott has agreed to replace him as the Tennis Club link.

I must make special mention of Ann Levick who has recently stepped down after many years working hard for the community by serving on the committee and assisting frequently with events run here in the Hall. A particular thank you to Ann for many years of valuable service.

ITEM 9 – AOB

9.1 70th Anniversary and Charter Review. 2019 marks the 70th anniversary of the establishment of this charity and it is a mark of its value that it is still serving our community so many decades later. To help us mark the anniversary, local amateur historian, Sally Thomson has undertaken research into the history of Broadleaze back to the 1770s. We will publish Sally's findings, together with a copy of the 1949 Trust Deed and some other historic documents on our website. We will also trying to obtain an original copy of the Deed to display in the Hall. A review of our Trust Deed shows that the founding aim of the Charity remains as sound today as it was in 1949 but some of the context has changed. We will seek to update it later this year, time allowing.

9.2 Establishing a Users' Group. One aspect of the Trust Deed that needs to be revised is the structure of the Committee. Originally it had 14 members. Two parish councillors, two elected by the Village at the AGM, and 10 places to represent Village organisations. Some of those organisations are long gone, such as the Mothers' Union, Codford Orchestra and the Congregational Chapel, but others still exist. They include the RBL, the church councils, the Ladies' Circle (which evolved from the WI), the Choral Society, a Youth Club and the Tennis Club. Currently the Tennis Club is the only one that has retained representation. We want to re-establish links with the other community organisations that use the Hall, without having to draw them into becoming trustees. We will be contacting them about this initiative over the coming months.

ITEM 10 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The ability to operate the Hall is entirely dependent upon the efforts of the small group of volunteers who form the committee. I am indebted to them for their patience and perseverance. The current committee is:

- John McIntosh - Chair
- Don Bartlett, Vice Chair and Parish Council representative
- Phil Dolling - Secretary
- Karl Kleiffe - Treasurer
- Murray Mcleod-Jones
- Sara Glasby

We're very pleased that both Karl and Sara have re-joined the Committee, they both bring considerable talent, and Sara also brings an essential feminine influence upon the thinking to the Team. Unfortunately, after a year on the Committee and having

served superbly as our Secretary, Phil has to step down due to increased work commitments. This leaves the Committee too small once again. We now really need someone to replace Phil as secretary but ideally, would like to find a couple more volunteers to join us. We'd like to increase the female representation as well as involve some members who didn't work away from home as often of those of us currently serving all do. I would strongly encourage anyone with the talent and interest in helping us to speak to any one of us to discuss it further.

The Chair thanked the 4 other remaining Trustees for being prepared to stand for re-election and asked whether there are any objections to that from those present. All were re-elected unopposed.

I have one other request for assistance that doesn't require the commitment of becoming a trustee nor getting involved in regular committee meetings. All of the current trustees are holding down full-time jobs and a range of other commitments. We are time-poor. We are seeking the assistance of one or two volunteers willing to undertake a short-term project to reviewing our policy and procedures and help prepare a submission with the aim of achieving ACRE Hallmark accreditation. Again, if you think you might be able to assist please come and speak to one of us afterwards.