

**Present:** See attendance list (12 people)

**Apologies:** Stephen Bowring (SB)

### **Opening remarks**

Grahame Leach (GL) opened the meeting at 8.00 pm and welcomed those attending. GL gave thanks to Peter Edwards who left the Committee during 2016. GL also thanked Stephen Bowring, Jim White (JW) & Mike Robinson (MR) for attending committee meetings.

Minutes of last AGM - distributed at the meeting - approved

GL stated that all village residents had been sent/delivered letters regarding the Village Hall. Information also included on the Village Website - thanks to Mark Heath.

There was a question from the floor regarding the survey questions - Raine Thompson (RT) outlined the aim of the survey.

### **Correspondence**

GL stated that a verbal offer had come from Andrew Barr of Robinson Hall, who represents a local landowner/developer William Brown - concerning development of the Bury Field site. The developer is proposing to build 6 houses, an access road and car park with possible foundation for village hall. No detailed plan as yet. The Village would need to raise funds of approx. £150k to support this project. It is difficult to apply for grants if no site has been identified!

GL further advised that the process has been a very long-winded affair and apologised for the lack of progress!

GL also stated that another possible site has been identified and he will report back.

Questions from the floor regarding land ownership ie purchase of land for a Hall.

RT & LP made comments about the lack of options. The Committee are concerned about the financial situation and the diminishing funds.

### **Financial statement**

RT provided a copy of the financial statement (see attached) the balance of the Village Hall fund is £260879. The annual return to the Charities Commission is due in April 2017. Minimal expenditure in the last year for printing and room hire.

General discussion took place about fund raising and the village plan of many years ago and questions about the need for a village hall - also the survey questions and research into other village halls. Comment from LP that there was a poor response from the survey question regarding residents willing to assist with maintenance and running a village hall.

**Open discussion** - no interest from Youth Groups in the Village - other ideas were considered eg Small Pavilion as a start - there is opposition whatever site is chosen. Question raised about the exact terms of the trust deed - **LP read document ? reference**

Would it be possible to buy a plot of land - what cost? The Village Hall Committee would welcome all ideas from the residents.

### **Nominations for the Village Hall Committee**

The following Village Hall Committee members were seeking re-election:

Lyndy Pullan (LP) proposed D. Stowell seconded S Wheeler

Raine Thompson (RT) proposed Jim White seconded Steve Fane de Salis

Grahame Leach (GL) proposed Jim White seconded Steve Fane de Salis

It is the intention of the committee to co-opt our Vicar Stephen Bowring on to the Village Hall Committee - and hopefully someone to represent the Youth Groups.

The Parish Council have nominated Jason Pope to be their representative on the Village Hall Committee.

There were no nominations from the floor - the meeting voted in favour of all nominees.

### **Further Discussion**

Organise an event/opportunity involving all groups in the village at a social event and exchange ideas

GL thanked all attendees and closed the meeting at 9.00 pm

Minutes approved on 06/02/17 Grahame Leach

Chairman of the Spaldwick Village Hall Committee