

### Opening remarks

Grahame Leach (GL) opened the meeting (45 people in attendance) at 7.30 pm and provided some background information regarding the Village Hall Committee and why this meeting was being held. There has been no progress in 15 years - there is a requirement to have a properly elected committee. Notification of the EGM had been delivered to all villagers with information also displayed on the village web site, Facebook and in the church newsletter.

GL thanked those people who had helped arrange the meeting and outlined the rules for the meeting.

### Nominations for the Village Hall Committee

The Spaldwick Village Hall is a registered charity (276174) and the appropriate forms had been completed by those people nominated to stand for election. The 6 nominees for the Village Hall Committee were:

David Henrick	(DL)	
Peter Edwards	(PE)	
Lyndy Pullan	(LP) - not present	
Raine Thompson	(RT)	Treasurer
Shona Wakefield	(SW)	
Grahame Leach	(GL)	

Each nominee gave a short introduction except Lyndy Pullen (LP) who was not present.

Several members of the audience commented on the absence of Lyndy Pullen at this important event - after a brief discussion Lyndy was voted on to the Committee by a clear majority.

GL asked the meeting for a proposer and seconder to allow the remaining nominees to be voted for en bloc. [Keith Armer](#) proposed and later [Jean Haines](#) seconded the proposal.

### General Discussion items

It was suggested that Mark Heath be approached to include updates and information about the Village Hall on the Spaldwick website. Questions were asked about the percentage of the village population required to change the terms of the trust deed. It was stated that residents over the age of 18 years are entitled to vote and **that a majority of 75% must be obtained in order to change the purpose of the Trust Deed document. Added by GL:**

**We need to give the village 14 days notice of a meeting and once again notify everyone. The meeting then held will allow only those present at that meeting to approve changes to the Trust Deed, providing three quarters of those present agree on a course of action. This will then be subject to the approval of the Charity Commission before it can be enacted.**

A request was put to the committee to have the trust deed document rewritten for easier comprehension and published on the village website - [action to be taken by the incoming committee](#). Further questions were raised about the trust document. A reference was made to Mr Paul Bland who is the Planning Services Manager at Huntingdon District Council (HDC) - it was stated that discussions should be continued with HDC to understand what discussions had taken place.

### **Conclusion of voting**

The vote then took place - all nominees were voted on to the Village Hall Committee - it is the intention of the committee to co-opt another person on to the Village Hall Committee - our Vicar Stephen Bowering and AN OTHER.

### **Financial statement**

GL stated that the balance of the Village Hall fund at 31 December 2014 was £[258724](#).

### **Further Discussion**

There was a request from a member of the audience for an update on progress - the Parish Council Town Clerk David Stowell (DS) was asked for any records of meetings and conversations regarding the Village Hall - DS stated that the outgoing Chairman has promised to hand over all correspondence and documentation to GL.

A number of questions were raised concerning progress - it was stated that no records of meetings had been discovered - several Freedom of Information (FOI) requests had been submitted to HDC the responses indicated that there were no records of meetings. (DH received reply on 7 November 14.)

Tom Shuker mentioned the Village Plan that had been completed some years ago - over 80% of respondents to the questionnaire had indicated in favour of a village hall. This plan will need to be updated/revised in 3 years' time!

A question was asked regarding intended frequency of Village Hall Committee meetings - the first meeting is planned for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm. The guidelines state that there should be a at least two meetings per year.

KA - stated and emphasised that there is a Village Hall Trust document and that we should abide by it.

Any proposals identified by the Committee must and should be put to the Spaldwick residents.

GL thanked all attendees and closed the meeting at 8.25 pm