Minutes of the 2020 Sunnyside Hall annual general meeting (AGM)

1900 on Thursday 12 November 2020

Present:

Eugene Gardner Liz Day

Toby Odone Phil Winter

Kevin Powley Barrie Stringer

Ronnie Williams Greg Dann

Jenny Blackburn

Apologies:

Peter Kemp, Anna Schluep, Charlie Brown

Toby Odone (trustee) chaired the meeting, which was held as Zoom video call because of Covid-19 lockdown restrictions

Minutes of the 2019 AGM were taken as read and approved without change

Eugene Gardner (managing trustee) highlighted major spending undertaken during the year from the accounts published on the website. They were: £3080 spent on repairs and maintenance, mainly decorating the hall; lighting and electricity £1356, mainly accounted for by the installation of emergency lighting; £747 was spent on external hedge and tree work. Capital expenditure amounted to £13,600 of which large items included £7984 on a new air conditioning system; £2718 on CCTV and other security items; £1228 on two table tennis tables and £1727 on new storage sheds.

Ronnie Williams asked how much the refunds, mentioned in n the bank balance, were. Eugene said the amount held on the account for refunds amounted to about £200 at any time.

There was a brief discussion about trying to attract more trustees to help spread the workload. There were no volunteers among those present.

Eugene Gardner then told the meeting about the side fence which needs repair. Eugene said he would follow up with Kieran Shah, the owner of the adjoining house and responsible for the fence, to encourage progress as the broken fence is not a good advert for the hall.

Following a discussion of the status of the long-planned £130,000 hall extension it was agreed to proceed with the following actions: Toby Odone to see if the planning permission can be extended from the current April 2022 deadline because of Covid-19 related delays; the group agreed to fund the £100 acquisition of the DSC book to help with the grant application process and begin identifying target fund sources; Toby Odone and Kevin Pauley said they would look into the Hallmark renewal application process as the current accreditation expires in February 2021. Jenny Blackburn said she would try and get an article in a future issue of Rusthall Life to help promote the hall.

Attendees said they would try and think of upcoming events or activities that might interest the mayor of Royal Tunbridge Wells councillor Joy Podbury, who is also the ward member for Rusthall.

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 2000.