

Draft Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Stourpaine Playing Fields and Village Hall Association

Fridayth November – Stourpaine Village Hall

Present:

Recently Retired Committee Members

John Gardner – Treasurer
Julie Dunk – Secretary
Blue Donnebaer
Scott Norman
Graham Spittle

Victoria Barlow
Chris Brown
Catherine Gardner
Chris Greasley
Sharon Holloway
Victoria Keefe
Stewart Maybery
Margaret Norman
Steve Oakley
Nicky Pain
Barbara Thomson
Keith Yarwood

1.	Opening of Meeting Scott Norman opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. He explained the purpose of the EGM was to elect Trustees who have submitted nomination forms since the AGM
2.	Nominations Nominations had been received from: Victoria Barlow Victoria Keefe Stewart Maybery Nicky Pain Scott Norman asked if anyone else would like to be nominated. Nobody else came forward.
3.	Election All present voted in favour of accepting the four nominations. The candidates were duly elected to the Committee.

4. Other Comments

Scott Norman explained that the previous Trustees has not taken the decision to stand down lightly, and were aware of the potential difficulty of leaving the Village Hall without a committee. However, each Trustee had a valid reason to not stand for election again, but would continue to help the new Trustees to settle into their roles (but wouldn't get in the way), and at events etc. Scott expressed the gratitude of the outgoing Trustees for the new Trustees stepping into the roles, especially as most are new to the village.

Scott Norman reaffirmed what John Gardner had said about the financial situation at the AGM. There is money in the bank, but it has been ring-fenced for necessary repairs to the Pavilion and the Village Hall. The new committee will need to spend the money wisely and manage the budgets to ensure the hall remains viable.

Chris Brown asked if it is a requirement that a member of the parish council is a Trustee on the Village Hall Committee. Scott replied that the scheme of governance makes provision for a Trustee from the Parish Council to be on the committee.

Stewart Maybery asked how often the committee meets. The previous committee met every 5-6 weeks, but it will be up to the new committee to set their own dates according to need.

A discussion about a possible fete in 2024 was held. The consensus is that a fete would be a good idea and would be well received, as well as raising money for the village hall.

Julie Dunk reported that a payment would be received shortly relating to a legacy from Beryl Skelly, who left a sum for the committee in her will. Chris Brown said a few words about Beryl, including that she was the best pie maker in Stourpaine. She had worked for Hugh Gaitskill and Clement Atlee, and had received an MBE for her services to parliament. She moved into the Grange in Blandford in 2012, and died at age 102. Her ashes are buried in the churchyard with her husband John. Barbara Thomson described Beryl as a lovely person, and explained how she and her husband had taken photos of surrounding villages and given talks about them at the village hall. Both will be fondly remembered.

Everyone present expressed their gratitude to Beryl for the legacy.

Stewart Maybery thanks the outgoing Trustees for their all their hard work, and those present gave a round of applause.

The meeting ended at 19.55.