

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE MERRY BELLS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd May 2018
At 19.00 IN THE COFFEE ROOM**

Present:	Chair: Mrs M Blake (MB)	Elected
	Mr T Blightman (TB)	Elected
	Ms M Devine (MD)	Secretary
	Mr J Morrison (JM)	Wheatley Society Representative
	Mrs J Slade (JS)	Women's Institute Representative
	Mrs M Stayte (MS)	Senior Citizens Representative
	Two members of the public	

1. Apologies for Absence

Mr G Ewbank (GE), Dr J Guy (JG), Mr D Harverson (DH), Mr N MacCormack (NM)

2. Agree the Minutes of the AGM, Thursday 4th May 2017

The minutes agreed as a true record.

3. Matter arising

After inspection, damp referred to in disabled toilets, was found not be damp.

4. Chair's report

MB read her report for year ending 31 Dec 2017. There were no questions.

5. Receive the examined accounts

TB summarised the accounts. Income from rent remained the same, hirings were slightly down, and SODC grant was received in 2016 only. Overall expenditure was down, consisting mainly of roof repairs in 2016 and damp and refurbishment in 2017.

6. Treasurer's report

- TB summarised his report. £73,000 remains in the bank account, accumulated over previous years. TB gave thanks to Bob Minty for reviewing the accounts and to the rest of the Committee for their contributions. The audited accounts were proposed, seconded and accepted.

6.1 Questions from the public:

- Has the hall had been re-valued? TB replied that it had been difficult to obtain a valuation as the building is unique, but he will get a cost for rebuilding for insurance purposes.
- Is the bank interest rate very low? TB replied that £40k in the Virgin deposit account received 0.25% interest, which was low but he had not found a better alternative.
- How many people are employed? TB replied that no-one is employed, the cleaner service is contracted out (10 hours a week between 2 staff) and so is reported under cleaning expenses instead of wages.

7. To elect up to five member to the Committee (as per Trust deed)

The following members were prepared to stand for election and were accepted by the Committee: Mary Blake, Tim Blightman, David Harverson, and John Guy.

8. Any other relevant business

Questions from the public:

- When will the external Christmas tree and lights would be taken down? MB replied a request has been made and we are awaiting a ladder.
- What is the hall's wifi facility? MB replied if hall hirers request wifi she provides the cupboard key to obtain the extender router. The Archives Society shares the hall's wifi. The Parish Council has their own secure wifi with password.

The meeting closed at 19.20.