

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE MERRY BELLS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

HELD ON THURSDAY 9th May 2019

At 19.00 IN THE MAIN HALL

Present:	Chair: Mrs M Blake (MB)	Elected
	Mr T Blightman (TB)	Elected
	Mr D Harverson (DH)	Elected
	Dr J Guy (JG)	Elected
	Mr J Morrison (JM)	Wheatley Society Representative
	Mrs J Slade (JS)	Women's Institute Representative
	Mr P Harrison	Wheatley Parish Council Representative
	Four members of the public	

1. Apologies for Absence

Mrs F Fox

2. Agree the Minutes of the AGM, Thursday 3rd May 2018

The minutes agreed as a true record.

3. Matter arising

None

4. Chair's report

MB read her report for year ending 31 Dec 2018. There were no questions.

5. Receive the examined accounts

TB summarised the accounts. Income from rent was higher than the previous year because Office 3 was re-let at the start of 2018 (after being empty for some months in 2017) at a higher rent; income from hirings was little changed. Overall expenditure had increased partly because of extra heating costs, partly extra fire protection measures and partly because of ongoing repairs.

6. Treasurer's report

- TB summarised his report. Despite a third year of exceptional repairs, expenditure exceeded income by only a relatively small amount (£758). Cash in hand and in the bank remains at a high level (£74,500). 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 been re-valued? TB replied that it had been difficult to obtain a valuation as the building is unique, but a cost for rebuilding for insurance purposes had been obtained and was given as approximately £1m.

- Why had heat and light costs risen, especially given the benefit of solar panels? TB replied that it was partly as a result of the timings of meter readings and partly the effect of the so-called “Beast from the East” cold weather early in the year. Now smart meters had been installed for both gas and electricity, meter reading timings will be more consistent. Most of the cost is gas, which is unaffected by solar panels.

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, John Guy and Maureen Stayte.

8. Any other relevant business

DH suggested the Management Committee might consider inviting a speaker to future AGMs in order to attract a greater number of attendees.

The meeting closed at 19.20.