

**NORTH HILL VILLAGE HALL  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2011  
MINUTES**

**Present:** Sarah Olsson, Carol Horsington, Jenny Bousfield, Jane Holden, Jenny Bowhay (Cat's Whiskers), Jaine Hynes (Sec.), Martin Hynes (Chair), Chris Reeves, Mike Willison (Treasurer), Susan Boggis (Table Tennis).

**Apologies for absence:** David & Irene Shoubridge (Bk Sec), Les Owen, Gill Pearce, Mary Budge (Ass Chair),

**Minutes:** Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were accepted and signed.

**Matters Arising:**

None.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Copies of the audited accounts were distributed, (a copy is available on the hall notice board). Overall there has been an increase in income to the hall, mainly due to the extra events held such as the Dog Show and Woodland Craft & Beanpole Fayre. Whilst there are some discrepancies in terms of where monies are allocated, this is mainly due to having had three persons in this post in a short period of time. Mike is hoping to meet with the accountant and agree a proposal for how the accounts should be set for the coming year which will be clear and concise.

The Chair thanked Mike for the tremendous job he has done and all he has achieved in a short period of time.

Chris Reeve Proposed that they be accepted and this was seconded by Sarah Olsson.

**Secretary's Report:**

Whilst there were a number of changes to the Committee at last year's AGM, it was business as usual and everyone soon got down to organising events and running the hall!

The dog show – an off shoot from the Big Event was a tremendously popular day and looks set to become a regular fixture. Also, the Beanpole and Woodland Craft Fayre, held recently for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time was very successful, attracting a wide range of presenters or stall holders and visitors alike.

Whilst some activities were dropped from the schedule, others such as the Beetle Drive were planned and it seems very much enjoyed by those that attended.

The Committee is grateful to all those people who contribute time and effort into making these events fun and enjoyable for all, without such commitment the Hall could not survive.

They are also grateful to those groups who regular undertake activities which are for the benefit of the Hall, The Cat's Whiskers – Lunch Club and the Pantomime Group Quiz Nights have helped raised vital funds for the Hall.

Work carried on throughout the year to try and improve the hall and a party of painters did a fantastic job, transforming the dull grey exterior to delightful "clotted cream" I am sure our neighbours appreciate the transformation! After receiving the news that a donation had been left to the hall by Mr William Bullen, it was decided that there may be an opportunity to resolve the problem with the flooring. The Parish Council has been very supportive in awarding some additional funds to allow the project to go forward. It is anticipated that a new floor will be installed before the end of 2011.

We are also grateful to the Parish Council for the work undertaken on the entrance to the car park, the new tarmac has greatly improved access, particularly for pedestrians.

North Hill has seen a number of new residents over the last 12 months, and very welcome you are too! Remember this is your Hall, your Community - The Hall Committee is always looking for new ideas and new volunteers to help bring plans to fruition. If you feel that you would like to be involved a little or a lot – please contact one of the members. It really is good fun and very rewarding.

**Booking Secretary's Report:**

The Booking Secretary was unable to attend the meeting.

**Health & Safety Officer's Report:**

Incidents:

There was one significant incident in November 2010, involving a member of the table tennis group. The matter is still ongoing in respect of a claim being made by the injured party against the hall insurers.

The need for user groups to undertake their own risk assessments was reiterated – the committee cannot be fully aware of the activities undertaken and therefore the hazards present and therefore each group must be responsible for their actions within the hall.

Routine maintenance has been undertaken in respect of the fire extinguishers and portable appliance testing.

**Chairman's Report:**

It is my first very pleasing task to thank the members of this Committee and everyone who has supported the Hall during the last 12 months.

In particular I would like to thank Mike Willison who has stepped up to the Treasurer role and is very committed to moving the finances for the hall forward.

Special mention also needs to be recorded for Jane Holden who organised and ran a 2<sup>nd</sup> very successful Dog Show and of course Carol Horsington for a fabulously successful Beanpole & Woodland Fayre. Also Mary Budge for the Boat trips on the Tamar-these 3 events were very instrumental in the halls improved financial position over the last 12 months.

As we all know at last years AGM we potentially faced a situation where support from the community was not forthcoming this despite all the excellent work by Sarah Olsson the previous Chair and the Committee. It is therefore really encouraging to look back over the last 12 months at what has been achieved. This was covered by the Secretary in her report.

I believe that there is now a momentum behind the development of the Hall and the facilities that it provides to the Community. This is best demonstrated by the success of the events that have been held over the last 12 months and the increased usage of the hall by new User Groups. It is not unusual for me to be approached when I'm out walking my dog Otis by a member of the community enquiring about a future event or making some suggestion for an event.

I think we can all look forward with renewed enthusiasm and plan for some additional developments in 2011 that will gain greater community support and move the Hall in to an even more pro-active position.

Once again my thanks to you all .

**Election of Officers:**

The Assistant Chair had expressed a wish to stand down. The following were elected by general consent:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
Chair	Martin Hynes	Carol Horsington	Sarah Olsson
Assistant Chair	Chris Reeve	Carol Horsington	Jaine Hynes
Treasurer	Mike Willison	Chris Reeves	Sarah Olsson
Secretary	Jaine Hynes	Chris Reeve	Jen Bousfield
Bookings Secretary	David Shoubridge	Jaine Hynes	Sarah Olsson
Health & Safety	Susan Boggis	Jaine Hynes	Sarah Olsson
Buildings & Maintenance	Cedric Wheeler*	Mike Willison	Jaine Hynes
Fund Raising	Martin Hynes	Chris Reeves	Sarah Olsson
Advertising & PR	Jen Bousfield would be prepared to take a lead in this area but the support of everyone is vital. An agenda item to be set for the June meeting.		

\*Would not be prepared to attend Committee meetings but will take on the duties.

The following User Group and Community representatives were proposed; those present confirmed that they were willing to be involved:

Show Secretary	Chris Reeves
Pantomime Group	Jane Holden
Art Group	Jane Holden
Parish Council	Mary Budge & Marina Pridham*
Friends of the Church	David Shoubridge**
Playgroup	
Good Companions	
Lunch Club – Cat’s Whiskers	Jenny Bowhay / Les Owen
Table Tennis Group	Susan Boggis
Tamar Dowsers	Jen Bousfield
Community Volunteer	Jenny Bousfield
Community Volunteer	Carol Horsington
Community Volunteer	Sarah Olsson

\* Confirmed in Parish Council Minutes

\*\*Not present, so involvement not confirmed.

**AOB:** Jen Bousfield proposed a thank you to the committee which was acknowledged by all present.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm The Chairman thanked those attending.

Signed .....  
Chair