

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF  
'THE VILLAGE VOICE' ASSOCIATION**

**PLACE:** Delivered by Zoom meeting software due to Coronavirus pandemic restrictions.

**DATE & TIME:** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020 6.00pm

**PRESENT:**

Johan Denekamp, Sir Peter Jennings, Jo Scott, Mike Scott, Glen Miller, Sarah Miller, Bev Small

**MINUTES:**

1. The meeting opened at 18.06.
2. It was noted that notice had been given to all recipients of the Village Voice and that the meeting was open for public attendance via Zoom and a quorum was present.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed to be accepted by Sarah Miller and seconded by Sir Peter Jennings and carried by those present.

One matter arising; Glen reported that no additional production support had been forthcoming but that he would want someone familiar with the basic software and only needing training in the VV specific requirements. He is happy to continue at present but a villager with graphic design expertise would be a good addition to the team.

4. Chairman's Report –The Chairman thanked the whole team for their work during the year. He also offered special thanks to Sarah and Glen Miller for all their outstanding work in producing the newsletter, particularly during the pandemic and the lockdown periods. The VV had been a very important focus for co-ordinating the highly important and successful community support during such hard times. He thanked Mike for the work collecting the revenue from advertising and managing the finances.
5. Treasurer's Report – Financially the year ended with a surplus of £102.00 for the year although the late banking of the Parish Council grant rolling into the next year resulted in a reported deficit of £248.00. Mike Scott thanked the Parish Council for their generous grant. In view of the difficulties faced by advertisers Mike reported that he had not chased outstanding payments during lockdown, but they were later pursued, and all outstanding payments received. Overall, with £1155.88 in the bank as of the date of the meeting Mike felt the Association was financially secure for the next year. Costs were lower than budgeted due to a smaller print run in some months owing to limited distribution during lockdown. It was agreed to continue normally printing 230 copies a month to give a small surplus for

additional requests. The report acceptance was proposed by Bev Small and seconded by Sarah Miller and carried by those present.

6. Committee – There being no new nominations for posts on the committee and with all existing members being prepared to continue in their posts, it was proposed by Bev Small that the committee be reselected and was seconded by all others present. Chairman – Sir Peter Jennings, Editor - Sarah Miller, Treasurer - Mike Scott, Deputy Editor - Bev Small.

7. Amendments to the Constitution

No amendments.

8. Any Other Business

The Christmas edition was discussed, and it was agreed that it would not be appropriate to have a colour version this year during the pandemic, but an appropriate occasion will be found in 2021.

Sir Peter Jennings informed the meeting that he would be stepping down as Chair next year and possible recruits should be considered. Mike thanked him for his contribution and work in the initial development of the newsletter working committee.

Glen and Sarah Miller expressed their gratitude to the anonymous donor who enabled the production of a coloured 50<sup>th</sup> issue in the summer.

There was no further matters arising.

The meeting closed at 18.26

Jo Scott

Sir Peter Jennings, Chairman  
Signed as agreed record

Dated: 24th November 2020