

Beckford Community Village Hall Ltd

5th Annual General Meeting held at 7pm on 28th September 2015
in Beckford Village Hall

Present: Tony Berriman Chairman, BCVH Ltd Director
Graham Galer Secretary
Jonathan Grice Treasurer

Jennifer Berriman (Beckford WI)
Karen Catton (BCVH Ltd Director; Beckford Toddler Group)
Diane Colvin (Beckford Parish Council)
Janna Gowthorpe (BCVH Ltd Director)
Christopher Hague (Beckford Croquet Club)
Gill Kellett (Little Beckford Village; Simply Soup)
Roger Palmer ((St John the Baptist Church)
Mark Sanger-Davies (BCVH Ltd Director; Tai Chi)
Phil Smith (Beckford and District Gardening Club; Beckford Social Club)
Cynthia Spoors (Grafton Village)

Hilary Galer
Pam Grice

- 1. Apologies.** Anne Clark, Dan Hughes, Mark McAuley, Yo Yates.
- 2. Quorum.** Sufficient members attended to meet quorum requirements.
- 3. Declaration of interests.** None.
- 4. Minutes of last meeting.** Minutes of the 2014 AGM, held on September 22nd 2014, were agreed and signed.
- 5. Chairman's report.** Tony gave the following report:

Overall situation Our financial situation remains healthy, with regular income from hall bookings and use of the field by the caravan clubs and football club.

The committee room continues to be used as the doctors' surgery on Monday and Thursday afternoons, and by the church on Friday morning. Regular hall bookings include the Beckford Toddler group, Tai Chi, Pilates, Simply Soup, WI, Gardening Club and the Parish Council. Other bookings are frequently accepted.

Personnel changes

Jennifer Berriman has resigned as Booking Secretary, and this position is currently vacant.

Jo Cowley resigned from the Parish Council due to moving away from the district. She has been replaced on the BCVH committee as Parish Council representative by Diane Colvin.

Karen Catton has been named as Director with responsibility for the BCVH website.

Refurbishment/extension

We are hoping to undertake some refurbishment and extension of the hall. Our planning is beginning with surveyor reports dating from 2011, the estimated cost of

implementing which is now some £170,000. Additional potential extensions could add some £127,000, bringing the total to not far short of £300,000.

These possibilities have been extensively discussed, and it was agreed that we faced four possible options for decision. These were -

- Option 1. Do nothing
- Option 2. Develop refurbishment only
- Option 3. Develop refurbishment and extension
- Option 4. Rebuild the hall from scratch

A vote was taken in the committee on these options, and it emerged that options 1 and 4 had no support. We cannot allow the hall to deteriorate further, and the 'rebuild' option, developed in 2012/2013, has turned out to be too expensive. A substantial majority of the committee felt that option 3 was, at least for the time being, the best way forward, although it too would require the support of the village community and the raising of a large sum of money.

We are now talking with Tennis Club, the Bredon Hill medical practice and the Social Club advising them of the plans and seeking their views, and some preliminary ideas on possible grants are being assembled, based on the preliminary cost figures.

Croquet Club

The Croquet Club started in March 2013 by Chris Hague has been a considerable success, with many village residents taking part. The Club is adding a third lawn to its facilities, and its relationship to BCVH Ltd is being placed on the same basis as that of the Tennis Club.

Work on play area

Some useful maintenance had been done on the children's play area, which remains popular and well used.

Web site

We believe that having an active and lively Village Hall website providing a service to the village is very desirable, and will give us support to any applications we may in future make for grant funding. To this end, we have nominated a Director (Karen Catton) to have oversight over the web site, and have taken over 'ownership' of its domain name. We are being more active in using the site as a means of disseminating information and news, and have made minor structural changes to it. We are very grateful to Geoff Stringer of Beckford Stores for his helpful management of the site and willingness to upload items submitted to him.

CCTV

The CCTV installation was upgraded earlier this year, and the hall now has six night-vision cameras, which together give all round coverage of the hall environs. The cameras are running 24/7 and record on to a hard disc located inside the hall; the records can be accessed and searched for up to 2-3 months. The cameras are capable of reading the number plates of cars entering and leaving. The committee is grateful to the Parish Council for a substantial contribution towards the cost of the new system, which should considerably improve security around the hall.

Defibrillator

A defibrillator has been installed on the front of the hall, and an awareness session was held on July 14. The defibrillator requires a code to operate and is a useful tool which may help when, following an emergency call, ambulance attendance is delayed. If someone has a suspected heart attack an ambulance should be called and, if a trained person is available, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation should be started. If someone is willing to help who has received defibrillator training, the ambulance control will give the code for the defibrillator, which can then be obtained and used until paramedics can take over.

Finally, many thanks to all our committee members for their continued attendance at our meetings and activity in our support; your help and time are very much appreciated.

6. Treasurer's report. Jonathan presented financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2015, which were approved. Copies of the income and expenditure account and balance sheet are attached to these minutes. Jonathan reported that the accounts had been independently examined as required by the Charities Commission and signed off accordingly.

7. Confirmation of members and representatives. Our Articles of Association under the Companies Act 2006 require that one-third of the directors retire annually, with eligibility for re-election. Of our four directors, Janna would be retiring this year, and was willing to stand for appointment again. This was proposed by Jennifer, seconded by Karen and approved unanimously.

Regarding the members and representatives, Tony said that, as no position was contested, a block vote was in order. He welcomed Cynthia Spoor as the new representative for Grafton Village. The members and representatives were proposed by Gill, seconded by Mark Sanger-Davies, and the vote was unanimous. Members are listed below.

Beckford Children's Play Area	Yo Yates
Beckford Croquet Club	Anne Clark/Christopher Hague
Beckford and District Gardening Club	Phil Smith
Beckford Nature Reserve	Mark McCauley
Beckford Parish Council	Diane Colvin
Beckford Social Club	Phil Smith
Beckford Tennis Club	Laurence Alexander/Jan Morrow
Beckford Toddler Group/Company Director	Karen Catton
Beckford WI	Jennifer Berriman
Company Director	Janna Gowthorpe
Grafton Village	Cynthia Spoor
Little Beckford Village	Gill Kellett
Hall redevelopment funding	Dan Hughes
Royal British Legion	Peter White
St John the Baptist Church	Roger Palmer
Simply Soup	Gill Kellett
Tai Chi/Company Director	Mark Sanger-Davies

It was noted that there was a vacancy for the position of representative for Beckford Village.

8. Appointment of independent examiner. Jonathan said that the present examiner, Miss Shelley Taylor, was willing to continue, and this was approved unanimously.

9. Election of officers. There had been no nominations for Vice-Chairman or Booking Secretary, these positions therefore remaining vacant. Tony stated that Jonathan, though willing to continue as

treasurer, would want the committee to find someone to take over at the earliest opportunity. As no position was contested, a block vote was again in order. The nominations were proposed by Roger and seconded by Diane, and the vote was unanimous. Officers are:

Chairman:	Tony Berriman
Secretary:	Graham Galer
Treasurer:	Jonathan Grice

10. Any Other Business. There was no other business.

11. Date of next AGM: 26th September 2016.