

# **HESSETT MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Monday 3rd February at 7.30 p.m. at Hessett Village Hall**

## **Minutes**

### **Present:**

Kelly Ashford, Tony Edwards, Michael Poulter, Linda Dixey, Richard Brown, Chris Glass, David Dixey, Brian Last, Les Ward, Anne Ward, Martin Gibson, Janice Gibson, Clive Wilson, Natalie Mitchell, Roger Bennett.

### **Apologies for absence:**

Debbie Stringer, Nicky Glass.

### **Minutes of last A.G.M.**

The minutes of the AGM held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013 were made available to all present. Proposed by Tony Edwards as a true record, seconded by Linda Dixey. The vote was unanimous and copy signed by chairman.

### **Matters arising from minutes:**

None.

### **Chairman's report:**

Well, it seems the year started as it was to carry on. At our last AGM, a total number of one villager turned up to give their support for this committee and then she realised she was at the wrong meeting! We then turned the tables and approached the villagers, sending out leaflets asking what they would like to see our committee organise to bring the community together. The response was mind blowing. Two people responded. Yes that's 2 out of probably 400 villagers. We have banged our heads together at our committee meetings trying to come up with ideas such as fun days, themed food nights, street parties etc but at the end thinking to ourselves 'will anybody support us?'. Just the same old faces, I'm sure.

We decided to call a day on our renowned Bonfire night after year after year of 'will it or won't it happen', with the stress of all the red tape issues resulting in the immediate resignation of our Secretary, Michael Poulter. Very few people asked me about why the event wasn't happening, again, making me wonder whether they were really bothered.

One event that was held again was the Hessett Real Ale festival, extended this year to 2 days. The event was a major success with more beer having to be brought in for the second day. With local talents on show such as The Hessett Hillbillies, Billy Cutts guitar playing and Esme Evans amazing singing voice. This is what I feel this committee is about, letting the people see what we have to offer within our own little community. Our thanks have to go out to The Five Bells for letting us stage the event, Paul Pettitt for his immense input from supplying beer to Marquees, Doug Levey for the fantastic programme and posters he produced, the committee for their help on the day and Tony Edwards for his detailed organisation of the whole event.

I apologise if this report seems down beat in parts but that's how I feel, beat. Community spirit gave up on us. I believe the committee had the spirit but not the

community and with this I believe it is my time to step down as chairman. I would like to thank Tony for standing in as Secretary at such short notice and doing a great job. I would also like to thank the committee past and present for their support during my time.

#### **Treasurers report:**

| <b>Income</b>               |               |                 | <b>Expenses</b>        |                 |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Sponsorship                 | Beer Festival | 850.00          | Suffolk Acre Insurance | 171.00          |
| Float & takings             | Beer Festival | 3,451.44        | Beer Festival          | 3,933.75        |
| <b>Total Income</b>         |               | <b>4,301.44</b> | <b>Total Expenses</b>  | <b>4,104.75</b> |
| <b>Profit/loss</b>          |               | <b>196.69</b>   |                        |                 |
| <b><u>Total in Bank</u></b> |               | <b>3,364.46</b> |                        |                 |

#### **Petty Cash**

|                 |       |                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| Opening Balance | 19.55 | Closing Balance | 19.55 |
|-----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|

The Treasurer wished to thank Les Ward for his continued support in keeping the accounts in order and being available to answer queries. In addition, the Treasurer wished to thank Sue Last for her help with collecting/delivering cash to and from the bank as events dictated.

#### **Appointment of Officers and Committee members:**

There being no nominees for any post prior to the AGM or anybody coming forward at the AGM, presiding officers were constitutionally bound to dissolve the Hissett Millennium Committee.

The floor was opened and members of the public invited to offer views on what should happen to the surplus funds. Many ideas were put forward including:

- Memorial bench
- Memorial statue/sculpture
- Donate to Parish Council

After much discussion the following motion was proposed from the floor by Roger Bennett:

“that the surplus funds be kept in safe keeping, administered by elected custodians, but made available to support villagers with initiatives designed to foster and promote social, sporting, recreational and cultural activities for all ages in the community”

The subsequent vote unanimously supported the proposal.

Having supported the proposal the election of 'custodians' took place:

**Appointment of Chairman:**

| <b>Name</b>   | <b>Nominated by</b> | <b>Seconded</b> | <b>Vote</b> |
|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Kelly Ashford | Chris Glass         | Tony Edwards    | Unanimous   |

The Chairman of the Custodians of HMC Funds now continued with the election of officers and committee.

| <b>Name</b>                        | <b>Nominated by</b> | <b>Seconded</b> | <b>Vote</b> |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| <b>Vice Chairman</b> Roger Bennett | Tony Edwards        | Chris Glass     | Unanimous   |
| <b>Treasurer</b> Linda Dixey       | Kelly Ashford       | Tony Edwards    | Unanimous   |
| <b>Secretary</b> David Dixey       | Linda Dixey         | Kelly Ashford   | Unanimous   |

**Election of the Committee:**

| <b>Name</b> | <b>Nominated by</b> | <b>Seconded</b> | <b>Vote</b> |
|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Chris Glass | Kelly Ashford       | Tony Edwards    | Unanimous   |

The Chairman agreed that Terms of Reference for the Custodians and how funding may be applied for should be drafted. Tony Edwards agreed to assist with this item.

**Any other business:**

The Chairman will contact the other Custodians in due course to arrange the first meeting

Tony Edwards will place a notice in the Parish magazine informing villagers of the dissolution of the HMC.