

**Wartling Village Hall Trust Annual General Meeting  
held at The Reid Hall on  
Thursday 16th March 2017  
at 7.30pm**

**Present**

Derek Willis – Chairman  
Rowena Gittoes – Vice Chairman  
Will Reid – Treasurer  
Sandy Round – Secretary  
Graham Richards – Trustee  
Robin Davis – Trustee

Derek Willis welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.  
Fire exit information was given.

The minutes of the previous AGM were read, approved and signed by  
the Chairman. Proposed by Rowena Gittoes and seconded by Will Reid.

**Chairman's Report 2016**

2016 has been a successful year for the team of Trustees and the hall.

Spending

The improvements planned in 2016 to future proof the hall were  
completed. The cost of £16,000 was funded by the hall, a Wealden  
Council grant, Parish Council donation and local fund raising. We now  
have LED lamps inside and out (except a few internal wall lights) which  
should give us a notable saving and lesser carbon footprint. The loft has  
been insulated to current standards resulting in a warmer more efficient  
hall. New windows and doors have replaced the ageing 25 year old ones  
and should also save energy. The kitchen has been fitted with a new fan.  
Two trees now enhance the front entrance.

Financial report 2015

The accounts have been audited . The opening balance at last AGM was £25482.74 with the closing balance as of Dec 31 £27027.51.

More details are in the treasurer's report.

### Trustees

The trustees were introduced and a request was made for anyone who wanted to apply to be a trustee to contact either Derek or Rowena.

Despite displaying notices locally we had not had applications up to the closing date.

### Volunteers

Any help with the keeping the hall 'a pinnacle of the Parish' would be appreciated after all it is 'our' village hall.

### Security

The LED lights to the front, left and right of the building are movement triggered and vastly better than previous one.

The gravel part of the car park will be segregated, to be used as an over spill, to protect the hall and grounds from Fly-tipping and Anti-social behaviour.

### Plans for the future

2016 has been a very busy year particularly with the improvements and general upkeep, we are still learning how to manage the hall.

We don't have any major projects planned for this year.

### Thanks to everyone

Our Hirers and Fund Raisers with a 'special mention' to:-

Norman Hunnisett for looking after the heating and giving us the benefit of his experience.

Hugh Parkes for changing our flags on special occasions.

The "Hagues" for their continued support keeping the rear hedges down.

Jackie and Trish for their continued work with the cleaning and booking of the hall.

Ryan Kingshot for his electrical works, Cavity Tech for their insulation advice and works and MC glass. Luke Hiller and Tim Hunnisett for their site maintenance assistance.

Past trustees, Caron Rodemark and Nikki Saunders who have resigned now but will be very much missed from the team.

Wealdon Council for their assistance with our grant application

The Parish council for their support

The Boreham Street and Wartling Fund who donated £500.

Thanks were also extended to the trustees, recognising that the wives, partners and husbands must be very understanding as the trustees (some with full time jobs) make themselves available to maintain and manage the hall, with a mind for continuity, stability and future. They give time, sometimes materials or fuel, but most of all their passion for the hall to succeed. In particular:-

Graham for his maintenance solutions and benefit of experience.

Will for his help with the black art known as the internet, whilst carrying out the treasurer role.

Sandy for looking after the secretarial work, and of course her valuable help with the Xmas bash.

Rowena for being a real “crutch” – great to lean on, a fair bit.

And the person who remains nameless who maintains the hall and grounds, completely free of charge.

### Future

The Wartling and Boreham Street Christmas Party was a resounding success and a great community event in our fantastic village hall. We are hoping to do this and more in the future.

The floor is to be recoated which is a sizeable cost. The cupboards are to be decorated and segregated and Hall Hire arms and conditions are being considered.

### Next AGM

To be held March 2018, date to be advised using the web and parish notice boards etc.

### **Treasurer's Report 2016**

There is not much to report this year. The surplus is up this year despite large bills for the refurbishment. These will be offset by the grant but won't appear in the figures until 2017 accounts. The income this year is £21,334.36 and includes donations of £1000 from the jumble sale, £750 from the Parish Council and £500 from the Boreham Street and Wartling Fund.

Cash funds as at Jan 1st 2016	£25482.74
Net surplus for the year	£ 2538.28
Cash Funds as at Dec 31st 2016	£28021.02

For full details please refer to the accounts which are available on our website.

### **Election of Trustees**

The current Trustees all stood down and were reinstated en bloc. Proposed by Sarah Parker, seconded by Dennis White.

**A.O.B.**

Angela White asked if we were going to repeat the Christmas party this year? We are and intend to do a Summer BBQ as well.