

THORPE MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 2nd May 2017 in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Mrs F Pope (Chairman), Cllr Mrs H Sharp, Cllr Mr R Walton, Cllr Mrs Z Powell, Cllr Mr E Stevenson, 1 member of the public

Clerk: Mrs Anne-Marie Walton-Miller

1 Cllr Mrs Pope opened the meeting.

2 Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 23rd May 2016 were read, accepted and signed.

3 **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 TREE TO COMMEMORATE THE JUBILEE

Cllr Mrs Pope reported that the oak sapling had not yet been planted as previously agreed as it required some nurturing but, as soon as it was ready, it was agreed that the sapling would be planted along Short Lane. It was also proposed that a metal casing would be purchased to encase and protect the sapling.

3.2 VILLAGE WELL

Cllr Mrs Pope reported that consideration had been given to opening up the well however from both an insurance and a feasibility point of view, it was considered too risky and was not therefore going to be possible.

4 **REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS**

4.1 REPORT FROM THE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Mrs Pope read out the Report, a copy of which is attached hereto.

4.2 ALL SAINTS CHURCH REPORT

The Report was given by Mr Harrison on behalf of Major Powell who sent his apologies, a copy of the Report is attached hereto. Mr Harrison, on behalf of the Church Committee expressed his gratitude to the Parish Council for supporting the Bench which he confirmed was a great asset.

4.3 SOCIAL CLUB REPORT

The Report was read by the Clerk on behalf of Colin Thompson who sent his apologies, a copy of the Report is attached hereto.

4.4 VILLAGE TOTE

The Report submitted by Sue Walton, who sent her apologies, was read out by the Clerk. In 2016 there were 87 names on the Tote list, not all of whom were fully paid up:

Tote Income	£875.00
Prizes paid out	£264.00
Licence	£ 20.00
Share to Church	£270.00
Share to Village Hall	£270.00
Money in Building Society	£692.69

Cllr Mrs Pope thanked all for attending and compiling their respective reports.

5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

There being no further business, Cllr Mrs Pope closed the Annual General Meeting at 7.15pm

Signed:

Dated:

**Report from Thorpe Malsor Village Hall Management Committee
for the year 2016/17**

An excellent year of community based events, also to maintain the building in good condition.

16 April 2016 – We organised and hosted the **“Clean for the Queen”** litter pick around the village and funded the refreshments afterwards. This was well supported by village people.

23 April 2016 – We organised and hosted the **“Queen and Country Party”** for the Queen’s birthday celebrations which was a great success complete with a band, lots of food, special cake, etc. We also commemorated the Queen’s Bench which is now placed outside the Church.

5 March and 5 November 2016 – we organised a **“Big Banger Breakfast”** and these were successful financially and socially due to being well attended.

The committee would like to have arranged a Christmas event but were sadly unable to find an activity that we were able to afford.

Accounts – these are satisfactory due mainly to our 2 long standing hirers, the Model Railway Group and the Martial Arts Group. Thanks are due to Joan Smart for her continuing work supporting this part of the committee’s needs, also handling other bookings. We are also very grateful to Sue Walton for the TOTE contribution to our funds.

Building renovation – The window project was completed and fully financed. We applied to Kettering Borough Council for another capital grant and were successful in being awarded the full funding for a new yard gate to replace the old one which had become very heavy and had rotting posts.

I would like to thank all members of the committee for their support and hard work in keeping the village hall in good condition and providing interesting and fun community events. Also thanks to Sue Walton for Tote funds.

Frances Pope, Secretary

THORPE MALSOR SOCIAL CLUB REPORT FOR 2016/17

The club has had a reasonable year, and although takings were down a small profit was achieved, partially by keeping the overall expenses stable. Unfortunately some of the events arranged during the year were not supported as well as in the past, this did have an effect on the final accounts.

Sue Walton has continued to manage and run the club in her usual excellent manner, and thanks are due to her and the staff for all their work.

Special music nights and quizzes have been arranged during the year with Sunday barbecues over the summer months. The annual 'Jazz in the Garden' will be held on the 13th of August this year.

Sue continues to run the monthly coffee mornings which have proved very successful and popular with good attendance.

The club now has five skittles teams in various leagues which helps to support mid-week trading.

Early this year, due to damp problems, extensive work was carried out to the property, which will effect profitability next year.

There are challenging times ahead with many clubs and pubs closing throughout the country. Hopefully the committee and members will continue to support the club and keep it viable, it will then remain a valued asset to the village.

Colin Thompson.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH REPORT 2016/17

Summary

Three services are now held on a monthly cycle – two priest led and one lay led. In short the PCC has tried to pursue a broad church approach where anyone can be involved at whatever stage of their Christian journey without feeling overwhelmed by formal liturgy. These services are planned to attract and to be relevant to the ever demanding commitments of family life.

Services

The work started with the forming of a PCC sub-committee tasked to report on future worship patterns and the valuable report that resulted has turned out to be the key in the growth of our church community. The Tea and Toast service has been a catalyst of change in our church community. Low key in its approach and taking a topical and relevant theme for its monthly services (harvest, remembrance, christingle etc) has attracted and continued to attract a wide and diverse age group and consistent growth in numbers. Young families quickly recognised the value of the conviviality of this engaging time and space. The subcommittee, which continues to plan and organise the services, can be truly proud of this ongoing initiative.

Special Services

This year the calendar of popular special services – Reservoir songs of praise, animal service and the hugely popular crib service – has been joined by a series of Taize services spectacular in both conception and message of quiet meditation. Our particular thanks to Ruth Colby and Kathryn Evans for all the effort they have put in to make these services such a success.

Holy Communion continues to be celebrated at Rookery Care Home, once a month.

Fundraising

As in the past two years, there were two major fund raising events both held at Thorpe Malsor Hall. In May a bridge lunch and in December a Christmas party with live band. Both were much enjoyed, well supported and made significant contributions to the Parish Share and essential church expenditure (£1520 and £776 respectively). Together with donations for Christmas floodlighting, Village Tote and harvest lunch our total fundraising was £4217.

Finance

The account showed a small profit of £62 and we did manage to pay our parish share in full. However we have very low reserves to draw on for building repairs. We are indebted to our church supporters who show such dedication, hard work and generosity to keep this lovely church going.