



# Ecchinswell Village Hall

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### Minutes of AGM Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Attendance: Paul Oldring – Chairman  
Chris Hutchins – Treasurer  
Bill Fry – Football  
Steve Fionda – Caretaker  
Lynne Hutchins – Secretary  
Also attending were three members of the public.

#### Apologies:

Alan Spalding  
Jill Hamilton – Booking Clerk  
Odette Henderson - Fundraising

Paul opened up the meeting by thanking the members of the public for attending and all the committee members for all their hard work during the last year. The committee duly resigned as part of the constitution.

A member of the public, Mr Stanford Drake nominated en-block the present committee to re-stand for the coming year, if they were willing. This was seconded by Mr John Arbor, which the committee accepted.

**Treasurer's report:** Chris reported that the accounts stand at approx £12,696.31, compared with £7,54.31 last year, with one debtor, Mc Veigh and Co, for the cost of approx £300 for the gate erected across the path to prevent vehicles access to the playing field area. One creditor awaiting gift aid tax of approx £200. The £10,000, which was won by Paul and Freda, his secretary awarded by New Greenham trust was spent on the alarm upgrade, hall roof/shower room repairs, electric upgrade, playing fields, tractor/container and drainage works.

Chris also stated that he was applying for the new licensing laws changes because this would make it more flexible for the hall committee to manage.

**Caretaker's Report:** Steve Fionda reported that during the last year he had arranged for the alarm system to be upgraded/coin meter and control panel replaced for the infra red heaters/sockets fitted to the outside of the building for use by hirers, which are isolated from inside the building. The hall spotlights have been replaced with low energy bulb spotlights, to aid with the ambiance of the hall, plus all the indoor sockets checked and light fittings. He would like to thank Mr Stuart Burns for his giving his professional expertise in doing this. It was discussed that Chris and Steve would look into the viability of setting up an internet connection for the hall, Mr Ransom stated that most businesses that rent our type of venue require this now.

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**Football Report:** Bill Fry reported that this season there have been six different teams playing regularly on the football pitches, these included two post office teams, two female teams and boys teams. He also stated that he'd had enquiries about all weather facilities and this is the main reason for attempting to gain an all weather surface, by the side of the existing play park. This could be used for five a side football, tennis, girls hockey and cricket in the summer. He also stated that quite a few games were called off because during the winter because of the pitch being waterlogged, due to the footpath running alongside the playing fields being full of debris.

Questions raised were as follows.

Mr Ransom asked a question about the new container, was it staying in it's present position permanently? Paul replied that as soon as the weather improved enough for the ground to dry out sufficiently, it would be moved onto the playing fields behind the north end goal posts, with the other container positioned beside it allowing more room for parking.

Mr Arbor raised the question if we have a new all weather surface would it be possible to use it for bowls. Paul's reply was we would look into it.

Mr Stanford Drake said he would like to thank the present committee and volunteers for all their hard work during the last years to bring the hall up to a very high standard, for which Paul thanked him.

After this Paul went on to outline the plan of creating an all weather sports surface of 30mx40m, and a cricket wicket, this at the approx cost of £80,000.00 plus upgrading the existing changing rooms for four teams to use at the same time.

He would also like to thank Alan Spalding, who has resigned from the committee, for his past efforts and if there are any people from the village who would like to become a committee member we would be pleased to hear from them.

The next meeting will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

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