

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THE BADLESMORE LEES AND HALL COMMITTEE

7.30 pm, Tuesday, 14th May 2019

Committee members present: Ian Earl (Chair), Sue Earl (Secretary), Rick Blackman (Treasurer), Dave Austin, Steve Burt, Fred Gregory.

Apologies for absence: Katie Bennett, Charlie Kirby, Ben Pullen, Tom Sisley

1 & 2 Welcome and Chairman's report

IE welcomed the four residents (in addition to the six committee members) who attended the meeting, and gave his report for 2018. See separate document for the full report; a summary follows here:

In the past year, Steve Burt has joined the committee, Paul Weedon (EKOGG representative) has left, and we lost Jane Gregory who passed away in July. Jane will be sorely missed as she was a tireless contributor to the committee. Lorraine Blackman has taken over the running of the 100 Club

The committee are fully compliant with the General Data Protection Regulations which came into force during 2018.

Difficulties in finding a contractor to mow the Lees resulted in a late first cut. This was followed by a very dry spell which caused considerable loss of grass in parts. We are hoping that it will recover without assistance but the state of the lees will be monitored and seed sown if need be. In July, the North Track was repaired, again using Type 1 material.

In addition to the Mediaeval Fayre, the Lees was the location of our commemoration of the ending of World War 1 in 1918. In conjunction with beacons throughout the country ours was lit on 11 November.

The decision to forego a Mediaeval Fayre in 2019 was taken, but we will hold a 10k Run later in the year. Steve Burt, who has experience of organising such runs, will be the lead organiser.

A training session in CPR and the use of a defibrillator was well attended. The cost of replacement pads and battery was borne by the Parish Council.

3 Financial Statement

RB passed around a summary of the income and expenditure for 2018. The accounts continue to look healthy with our income (£6364.19) exceeding expenditure (£4766.02). However, this was mostly due to our not yet carrying out the major refurbishments that we have agreed upon, namely the painting of the exterior of the hall, repairs to the external walls, and electrical work on the wall heaters and fire exit signs. Contractors for these jobs have been found.

Major items in the accounts: Replacement of the kitchen water heater cost £268 (this also included new associated equipment), the purchase of fencing and posts cost £159, and regular cleaning of the hall cost £240. The Mediaeval Fayre made a profit of about £650 and the Wine and Wisdom almost £700. Hiring of the hall, including regular hirers, to which are now added the Seven Champions Molly Dancers, brought in a sizeable income (£2328).

4 Open discussion

4.1 Finances. It was suggested that moneys may be available for repairs/improvements to the hall through the Parish Council or local Borough councillors.

4.2 Village Sign. It was requested that this project be given a higher priority as again little had been done in the past year.

4.3 10k Run. SB gave a detailed report on the organisation of the 10k Run, which is scheduled to take place along local country lanes and across Lees Court Estate land (agreement and support were readily forthcoming from the Estate and the farmer affected) on Sunday, 1 September. Course marshals will need to be found from local residents, and also volunteers to help in or around the village hall (refreshments, PA, marshals, and a photographer). Two water stations (one near Fisher Street and the other at Hogben's Hill) will need to be manned. Medals for all competitors have already been ordered. Prospero Wealth Management will reimburse the race fee for anyone signing up with them.

5 Election of the Committee

The members of the Committee were unanimously re-elected.

6 AOB

6.1 News on former committee members Dave and Madelene Wilkinson now living in Shropshire was given by SE who visited them recently.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.