

ORAC AGM 2018 Tuesday April 24 19:30 at Occold Village Hall

Present: Committee: Dave Cox, Di Noller, Alison Davenport Jones, Sandra Cox, Neil Sizer, Neil Flack, Nigel Woodhouse, Anne Stainsby, Jill Crouch, Gordon Erhorn, Allison Goldsmith

Present: Others (25 approximately)

Chairman's welcome and 2017-2018 report

DC opened the meeting at 1930. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Dave thanked the outgoing committee and welcomed Allison Goldsmith as Di Noller's replacement. Di was presented with a bouquet as a thank you for all her hard work and dedication over the years.

Chairman's report is on file.

Resignation of outgoing committee and Election of new committee for 2018/2019

Dave Cox suggested the en bloc re-election of the committee members and officers who wished to continue for the next year. Brian Hull proposed new committee, Sue Welch seconded. There were no objections. The new committee was duly elected: Dave Cox, Chairman; Allison Goldsmith, Treasurer; Alison Davenport Jones, Secretary; Committee: Anne Stainsby, Jill Crouch, Sandra Cox, Nigel Woodhouse, Gordon Erhorn, Neil Sizer. Paul Goldsmith, Steve Jones, Jim Deegan, Terry Pointer and Neil Flack are Associates of ORAC: they will give their time as and when possible but do not want to commit to full committee membership. DC thanked them for this.

DC detailed the clubs available at the hall and thanked the Lunch club and Oracle production team for their valued contributions to the community.

Planned repairs to the car park, playground and hall, the building of the storage extension and upgrade of the village green were outlined.

A question was asked about prioritising repairs. It was pointed out that a missing roof tile is causing long term damage to the hall. The Chairman has been unsuccessful in sourcing a replacement roof tile so far, but would continue to try, and gave assurance that the work is being given priority. DC thanked the questioners.

Treasurer's report

DN distributed copies of the financial report. (copy on file). The accounts have been inspected and audited. No items were found that need attention. A total of £8254.74 was raised overall. After expenses, the total profit is £3722.92. There has been pleasing improvement in Preschool's financial situation: they are on track with their payments and any outstanding amounts will be cleared in the 2018/2019 period.

Cleaning costs are much reduced due to some committee members taking on the job.

Utility costs have increased. Water company bills are not shown on the account as they have only just arrived. WAVE is the new company responsible for water.

Equipment purchased during the year: Chiller, water softener, crockery and glassware, a guillotine. Lunch club funds were used to purchase a new dishwasher, the Treasurer thanked them for that.

The “New Hall” account has been closed, £24 transferred to main account

The insurance company made a payment £13,212.45 for the new floor, of which £1835.25 remains. This is to be spent on new kick boards and a floor heater in the kitchen, plus additional cupboards.

The account finished with £4,212.45 at the end of the year, as opposed to the loss of £852.14 in 2016/17. A copy of the account is on file. Total assets: 21,001.29

Account for 2016/2017 was sent to the Charities committee on time.

DN expressed regret at having to resign and said how much she had enjoyed her time with ORAC.

There were no objections to the financial report as a true record of the account, therefore it was accepted.

Oracle report

Terry Pointer explained that Julia Pointer and Debbie Phillips manage all the editing and he prepares the magazine for publishing. He asked for more articles and help from the community to produce a useful and readable magazine.

The last edition was colour printed on A4 paper. This wasn't expected, but it is hoped Envigo will continue to produce that way. Advertising is double the size, hopefully this will encourage more businesses to subscribe. It was suggested the rates for advertising could be increased next year. The Chairman thanked the Oracle editors for their excellent work.

Lunch club report

ADJ read the lunch club report: Copy is on file.

Closure of meeting

There were no more comments or questions from the floor.

DC thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked that residents support the village by attending fundraising and community events.

DC closed the meeting at 19.57