

## **ORAC Annual General Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014 Occold Village Hall**

Present: (outgoing committee): Rob, Di, Scott, Martin, Dee, Lindsay, Gordon, Donald, Nigel, Linda St Pierre,

Present: (others) Dawn Crisp, Ian Stephenson

Apologies: Angela, Linda Jay, Anne

### **Chairman's welcome and report**

Rob opened the meeting by welcoming all those in attendance. Rob proceeded with the chairman's report. Rob summarised the events held by ORAC over the previous year, and felt it had been a successful year with a good fete, Xmas dinner, American evening and cocktail evening. The annual quiz had been cancelled and it seemed that the timing of this event contributed to the low ticket sales. The final village hall building accounts had been settled with ES&H after meeting with the council and consultants and the noise reducing measures required have been installed, however a lobby is still required for the hall fire exit to contain noise leakage from this area. Storage within the hall has been identified as an issue. The school had requested to store gym equipment within the hall, but this request could not be met. The committee had discussed plans to build additional storage adjacent to the hall, this project was ongoing. Rob also mentioned the plans still in place to reseal the main floor once a gap could be found in hall use schedules. There were still a few minor maintenance issues to address including repair of the drive for the winter.

### **Minutes of the last AGM**

Martin read the minutes of the last AGM, these were agreed as a true record and signed by Rob.

### **Treasurer's report**

Di presented the Treasurers report. A copy of the report is held on file. In summary Di reported a net loss for the period of £2072.55. Income had increased slightly from hall hires with several new hall hirers, but private hire had decreased. A grant had been received from MSDC towards the cost of the acoustic panels and double glazing required to meet the noise issues. There had a significant rise in expenditure due to the settling of the New village hall accounts. Overall net assets had decreased slightly and Di recommended that funds should be replenished by £2000 before any significant expenditure was made.

**Oracle report:** Di presented the oracle report. The Oracle is prepared and distributed approximately every 3 months. Copies are distributed to all homes in the village, with the church, pub, school and village hall being given copies, these were popular and were quickly depleted. Di mentioned the passing of Andy Andrews who had provided support in the production of the Oracle and he would be badly missed. Di extended thanks to HLS for the printing of the Oracle. A new distributor was required after Ross had stepped down from this role.

**Web site report:** Martin presented the report as supplied by Barry, a copy of the website report will be available on file. In summary Barry reported that the website was a voluntary effort as a service to the community. Visits were fairly static at 600-

800 per month. The village email alert service had only 25 email addresses signed up. Free advertising is available on the website but there were very few classified ads and only 24 businesses. The committee expressed their thanks to Barry for his efforts in maintaining the website.

**Lunch club report:** Dawn Crisp presented the lunch club report. Dawn summarised that the lunch club had now been running for 4 years. A midday meal was provided once a fortnight, with various menus. Dawn expressed gratitude to all those who gave up their time to support Carole Mayhew who headed up the volunteer team. The lunch club remained priced at £5 head, which provided good value and accessibility. Over the year a surplus of £800 had been achieved which had been used to assist in the purchase of a new oven and warming cabinet in April 2014.

**Election of committee for 2013/2014**

The 2012/2013 committee all agreed to stand again for the 2013/14 year. All members were subsequently re-elected.

The AGM was closed.