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**Annual General Meeting for
HENRY SAMUEL HALL**
Management Committee and Sole Trustees
held in the Henry Samuel Hall
on Wednesday 8th November 2023
at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Sole Trustee Representatives	Management Committee
Cllr Haywood (Chairman)	Mel Clarke
Cllr Chandler	Rob Webb
Cllr Down	Terry Kelly
	Bob Harding

Clerk: Mrs L Whitefield

1 Welcome

Cllr Linda Haywood welcomed all to the meeting.

2 Members' Apologies for Absence

Cllr Spires, Tom Moss, Jo Loke

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Cllr Haywood proposed accepting the minutes of the Sole Trustee/Management Committee Meeting held on 25th July 2023. Rob Webb seconded this. All in favour.

4 Public Discussion

None

5 Matters Arising

None

6 HSH Chair's Annual Report

I cannot believe it has been a year since our last AGM. So much has happened that it is difficult to know where to start.

Firstly, let us start by thanking those that have helped us over the year. I am not going to name individuals because there is always someone that gets forgotten.

Firstly, we must thank the Committee who have worked tirelessly on getting jobs done in the hall, standing in the freezing cold directing traffic, standing in the boiling heat directing traffic, being on various rotas, dropping leaflets, hovering at precarious angles to fix something to something else, standing up to their waists knocking five bells out of old floor joists that have rotted out, filling in forms, phoning up people, arranging dates, baking cakes, making tea and cleaning! The list is endless. Then come the volunteers who are often the other halves of the Committee members but others who also want to help. There have been many firms who have done jobs for us who once again have gone above and beyond to get a task finished. We must also thank the Mayland Parish Council who once again, as the Sole trustees have lent their support to this hall. Finally we must thank the residents of Mayland and beyond for their constant support.

So what have we done?

- Clad the eastern side of the hall
- Completed the refurbishment of the kitchen
- Installed two new toilet areas
- Replaced rotten flooring and walls
- Re-tiled the front porch

- Put insulation in the loft spaces
- Had the main hall floor sanded, repaired and re-varnished
- Completely redecorated the main hall
- New textured flooring in places
- Plumbing renewed and replaced
- Electrics renewed and replaced
- Heritage room created
- Hallway part decorated
- Disabled toilet area started and tiled
- Car park area tidied to allow more and safer parking
- The clock has been installed – something the committee are proud of
- All these and more have been completed in many cases by our very small team

How have we managed to pay for all this? Well a lot of the jobs only involved the cost of the materials. As said many firms kindly donated materials or time. But we as a Committee have worked really hard on applying for funding and grants with some success. But also we have tried to come up with ways to bring in funds. These have included the garage sale, boot sales, quizzes, Christmas events and of course our very successful car show.

Next year, we will continue with the above but we are also looking at indoor fairs, horse racing nights, bingo plus looking again at having a music festival. On top of these we are thinking about opening the kitchen for teas and refreshments possibly on a Thursday afternoon and maybe opening on a Sunday morning. To do all these things, we need help so anyone here or reading this then please get in touch.

As the hall has been refurbished more and more people have been interested in hiring the hall.

Obviously our biggest hirer has been the preschool. After a few early hiccups this working arrangement has been beneficial to both us with the money coming in and to the local community. Long may it continue. However, we are now in a position to say that almost every time slot is being used with table tennis, martial arts and boxing in the evenings, and weekends are being booked for parties. Put in our café times, Committee meetings and fund raising events held at the hall then I think we can say that the Henry Samuel Hall is doing what it said when we first took it on back in 2019 that we are here for the community. Thomas Smith and Joseph Fels along with all those that have run this hall since the early 1900's would I am sure be very pleased.

So what of the future?

Well we officially had an open day back in August to open up phase one which was really well attended.

Now we are on to phase 2. It would be great to get this done over the next year, especially as I will be stepping down next November.

We have plans to complete the disabled toilet, open up and finish decorating the hallway and put in fire doors. Create a lounge area, complete the heritage and small meeting room. Clad the west side of the hall and the rear, finish the car park and maybe deck and re fence the area outside the hall and kitchen. Should all be done within a week!

Seriously, it will take time and money so we will have to see but if we did what we did to get to finish phase one then anything is possible.

Finally I said that I was not going to mention any one individual but I am. Much of this current work was created by our committee member, our friend Tom Moss. He was responsible for creating all the plans for the refurbishment. He never moaned when we constantly came up with new ideas. He is not here tonight as is very unwell. So on behalf of the Committee I would like to send him our best wishes and get well soon.

Here's to the next year. Thank you.

7 HSH Treasurer's Financial Report

The bank reconciliation was signed by Mel Clarke.

Monies in Bank account		£8,501.89
Savings account		£1,014.16
Money from grant to be paid for disabled toilets		£4,274.24
Grants received	Lottery	£7,900
	Heritage room	£1,500
Money raised	Car Show	£5,197.21
	Quiz nights	£491.10
	Boot sales	£522.51
	Garage Sale	£217.51
	Lottery	£198.50
Hall Hire		£1,174.00

Bob Harding proposed that the above financial report is correct. Cllr Haywood seconded this. All in favour.

8 New Members
None

9 HSH Refurbishment Update
As in Chairman's Report

10 Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 7.35pm