

## Great Whittington Village Hall Committee EGM

12<sup>th</sup> April 2021, 19:30 by Zoom

### MINUTES

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#### Participants\*

- Ann and Nick Attwood
- Maggie Bassendine
- Steve Binney
- Natalie Burrow
- Paul Campbell
- Matt Charlton
- Bob and Margaret Duncan
- Simon and Sarah Fitton
- Linz Gillam
- Morris Gosling
- Jonathon Pearce and Jennifer Harrison
- Phil and Barbara Hinchcliffe
- Christine Lawson
- Anne and David Maughan
- Marion Petrie
- Mike Ritchie
- Roger Walker
- Steve Wheaten
- Judith and Nick Wilkes
- Michele McKenzie
- Jim and Wendy Hughes
- Julie Booker
- Helen Wood
- John and Jude Sadler
- Gary and Phillipa Witheat
- Emma Gennaro
- Simon Gregory
- Jane Pearson
- Nicole and Paul Aspinall
- Tim Oliver
- Andrew Williamson
- Anne Lawson
- Ian Railton
- Barney Hawkins
- Mike and Lynda Conway
- Frank Bonner
- Linda Bell
- Chris Bryce
- Chris Clark
- Rachel Bell
- Ruth Carr
- Claire Harris
- Tom and Jenny Harris
- Margaret Wood
- Bill and Dawn Brittain

*\*Every attempt has been made to capture all participants. Due to some people not having names on their screen and some households with multiple people on one screen there may have been some unforeseen omissions. Please notify [greatwhittingtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:greatwhittingtonvillagehall@gmail.com) and we apologise if this is the case*

#### Meeting Minutes

1. Christine Lawson welcomed everyone, noting that the meeting was being recorded and explaining that she had been asked to read two statements before the meeting commenced, one from Simon Gregory, Chair of the Parish Council, and one from the current Village Hall Committee. These statements are available on the [Village Hall website](#).

2. Christine explained that the purpose the meeting was to elect a new committee. She informed the meeting that 28 new nominations to join the committee had been received prior to the meeting. It was proposed that there be a maximum of 20 positions, plus 2 for the WI and 2 for the Parish Council. She asked if anyone would be willing to drop out and Mike Ritchie and Ann Attwood agreed to do so.
3. Christine confirmed the names of the current nominees, which were:

New nominees:

- Judith and Nick Wilkes
- Morris Gosling
- Marion Petrie
- Phil and Barbara Hinchcliffe
- Anne and David Maughan
- Maggie Bassendine
- Michele McKenzie
- Linz Gillam
- Ann and Nick Attwood
- Steve Wheaten
- Paul Campbell
- Bob and Margaret Duncan
- Roger Walker
- Simon Fitton
- Jennifer Harrison
- Mike Ritchie
- John Sadler

Five existing committee members, subsequently confirmed as being:

- Christine Lawson
- Jonathon Pearce
- Matt Charlton
- Steve Binney
- Natalie Burrow

4. Gary Witheat suggested that there be one person per household on the committee. This suggestion was put to the meeting. Jonny reported broad agreement in the chat function of the meeting. The following agreed to step aside on this basis: Jen Harrison, Nick Wilkes, Margaret Duncan.
5. Phil Hinchcliffe explained that he did not agree with the proposal of one person per household, saying that both he and Barbara both had a lot to offer. Margaret Duncan suggested that the decision should be unanimous, as everyone thought they had much to offer.
6. Christine advised that if an agreement couldn't be reached, she would have to close the meeting and the existing committee would have to continue in its current form.
7. Marion said that there were more people willing to stand in addition to those already nominated.

8. Maggie said that the committee had said they were standing down, and asked why that had changed. Christine explained that this was for continuity, because of their involvement to date.
9. Linda asked if there could be a postal vote. Christine explained there was no mechanism to enable this in this constitution. The constitution is old and the new committee may wish to review this.
10. Phil said he didn't believe the current committee could re-stand without a further 14 days notice.
11. Bob asked how many households had not agreed to single representation, the answer being:
  - Anne and David Maughan
  - Phil and Barbara Hinchcliffe
  - Morris Gosling and Marion Petrie
12. Roger Walker offered to stand down.
13. Judith Wilkes asked how many people were on the existing committee and whether the website is up to date. Christine confirmed there are five and that the website is up to date. These were Christine Lawson, Jonathon Pearce, Matt Charlton, Steve Binney and Natalie Burrow.
14. Maggie asked whether, if we were by this stage at around 22 nominations, whether a compromise could be made with one member of the current committee and one members of a dual household both standing down.
15. Morris said that even 20 is an unmanageable number and suggested all nominees meet and then have a democratic election of a smaller number.
16. Jonny said he thought there were now 22 still standing. Nick Wilkes agreed to stand down, leaving Judith as the representative from their household.
17. Marion said she could be a Parish Council representative.
18. Christine asked if those present were happy to proceed with these nominations. No dissention was noted.
19. Michelle said she could be a WI representative.

20. The list of nominees by this stage was:

New nominees

- Judith Wilkes
- Morris Gosling
- Marion Petrie (PC)
- John Sadler (PC)
- Phil and Barbara Hinchcliffe
- Anne and David Maughan
- Maggie Bassendine
- Michele McKenzie (WI)
- Linz Gillam
- Nick Attwood
- Steve Wheaten
- Paul Campbell
- Bob Duncan
- Simon Fitton
- Emma Gennaro (WI)

Existing committee members

- Christine Lawson
- Jonathon Pearce
- Matt Charlton
- Steve Binney
- Natalie Burrow

21. Maggie asked when the committee would meet. Christine said she would send out invitations as soon as possible, with officers to be appointed at that meeting.

22. Christine thanked everyone and closed the meeting.