**Duntisbourne Abbots Village Hall**

**Minutes of Meeting 24th October 2018**

**Present: Trustees:** Rupert Lane (chairman), Rev. Val Thorne, Russell Carver, Jos Carver, Richard Crabb, Marian Lowe, Jane Bell, Colin Russell (CPR)(Secretary & Treasurer).  **In attendance:** Mick Lowe.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Julian Weston (Trustee) and Mark Jee (Bookings)
2. **Minutes of Meeting 31st July:** Approved.
3. **Confirmation of Trustees:** For the avoidance of doubt the meeting confirmed that the existing Trustees of the Charity were as set out above, to be confirmed as necessary at the AGM in 2019.
4. **Report of works at the Hall:** It was noted that the kitchen was to all intents and purposes finished and looked good. There was to be a lesson on the working of the washing machine this week and the relevant interested people had been invited. Particular thanks were due to Mick Lowe in this connection who had worked very hard personally as well as organising the builders etc.

A refuse bin and an urn were needed – total cost say £110 - and CPR would approach the council for a black refuse bin and a black box to live outside and for them to empty. Jane Bell was thanked for the fridge freezer.

1. **Resultant financial position:** CPR produced figures showing that the total cost of the refurbishment including the flat roof and the hall floor came to just under £24,000. This was considerably more than the original estimate and indeed subsequent estimates. This was regretted however the work had been done and looked good and the money was forthcoming. Roughly the Hall itself produced – from recent income and reserves - £9000. The Lottery Grant (thanks to Paul Smith) was £9669, and donations for the work had been received of £5250. In this connection particular thanks were due to Jane Bell and also her brother Nigel. An anonymous donor had produced £3000 and would add a further £1000 CPR reported. This would leave £4000 on deposit and about £1000 in current account and this was thought to be adequate.

Thanks were also due to Robert Towill for starting the work, and for the Gill family who had put funds into the reserves in memory of Ann Gill. The Chairman would draft letters of thanks.

Consideration was given to putting a photo into the local paper to increase lettings and CPR with Mark Jee and the Chairman would see if the charging rates should be increased. There was also the suggestion of requiring a returnable deposit of £50 to encourage people to leave the Hall clean and tidy.

1. **Report of recent and future events:** The recent village party was thought to have been a great success and raised £200 of which £100 came to the Hall. The next Air in G was on the 23rd November as well as the monthly DAMPS films. Also there was to be a lesson on the defibrillator tomorrow evening.
2. **Other business:** None
3. **Date of next meeting : Tuesday 15th January 2019**