

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BAWDESWELL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016 AT THE CHURCH.**

Present: B. Cunliffe (Chair), W. Mason, D. Shannon, T. Smith, J. Lilwall  
Mrs. J Boxall (Clerk)

Members of the public – 9

Cllr Bill Cunliffe opened the meeting at 6.30pm and gave a brief report on behalf of the Parish Council. Copy of report attached to these minutes

Cllr James Lilwall gave an update on behalf of the Village Hall Committee. He confirmed the Hall had exceeded everyone's expectations. The new facilities were officially opened in July and gave the community the opportunity to engage with the building for the first time. Statistics recorded that there were over 100 users of the hall per month and the one off bookings continue to grow. It was confirmed that the Village Hall Committee were still awaiting to finalise the accounts. Although the hall is currently turning a small trading profit, there was a need to account for depreciation and continued maintenance. It was reported to cost £850 per month to keep the village hall open. The focus for the Trustees was sustainability and continuity and there was a need to maintain the current level of enthusiasm and continue to attract new users. There was an appeal for new Trustees

There was acknowledgment for the fantastic fundraising for the refurbishment of the Village Hall car park.

Members of the Parish Council agreed to review the timing of the Annual Parish Meeting due to the decreasing audience.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.