

# The Pilton Village Trust AGM

**24 November 2023 - 19:00 @ Pilton Club, Pilton Village Hall**

**Attendees:** Alan Ayres, Audrey Brown, Rob Hargrave, Carrie Hemmings, Dee Nobbs, Richard Woodhouse, Mikael Nyblon, Terrence Moulder, Tracey Mapstone

**1 Apologies** - John Broxup, Joseph Marcangelo-Lyons, Andy Reilly, Joanna Thoms, Kelly Sumner, Nicole Parks

## **2 Review of last AGM and the current Trust's decisions**

-The Chair reviewed the last AGM minutes and paper copies of the AGM minutes were distributed to the audience to review and to gain acceptance. The minutes were accepted by majority vote and the Chair signed them off. The 2022 Draft AGM minutes have been available on the Pilton Village website for the last eleven months for public review.

-There are separate accounts for the Pilton Village Trust and the Pilton Playing Fields Trust.

- Tenants

+ The Pyramid Boxing Club has relocated and Shepton Mallet Judo Club has taken its place.

+ The Co-op tenancy expires in 2025.

- Richard Woodhouse explained that this year we have specialised sub committees within the Trust and why we have decided to use sub committees. The following explains what each sub committee has achieved on behalf of the Trust over the last year.

## **3 Accounts**

- The Trust reappointed Joseph Marcangelo-Lyons as the Trust Treasurer

- Last year's accounts have been amended and will be added to the Pilton Village Trust Website.

- There were still questions regarding the £5k donation paid into the Pilton Village Trust account that was restricted to the Pilton Playing Fields Trust. While Pilton Village Trust held the funds on behalf of Pilton Playing Fields Trust we paid approx. £4.5k worth of Pilton Playing Fields Trust bills on behalf of the Pilton Playing Fields Trust and balanced transferred the remaining amount into the Pilton Playing Fields account. This transaction is now complete and will not be repeated in the future.

- This will be the last time that the Pilton Playing Fields accounts will be reporting in the Pilton Village Trust Accounts.

- The trust has £40k in it's accounts and this will be apportioned to maintenance plans for the building, such as windows, toilets, 'Welcome Hall' and maintaining an emergency buffer.

- The Co-op 's tenancy contract is up in 2025. At present the Co-op provide three types of valuable revenue, their rent, a service charge and a percentage of revenue from all co-op branded foods sold at their Glastonbury Festival outlet during the festival.
- There was a question from the floor on how much of the £40k would be transferred to the Pilton Playing Fields Trust. In answer to the question, none of the £40k would be transferred as it was generated by the Pilton Village Trust for the Pilton Village Trust. The Pilton Playing Fields Trust have their own savings and income. The only transfer of funds to the Pilton playing Fields Trust accounts are explained above regarding the £5k donation.
- Brian Derrick congratulated the Treasurer on the improved layout of the accounts. He also requested that it would be beneficial to add a total sum or total 'Column' on the bar charts.
- Marilyn Wedgwood congratulates the improved and planned continuity of the Trust, especially with the sub committees and '5 year plan'. She also put forward the suggestion of long term serving Trustees to keep it going.
- There was a unanimous vote to accept the accounts, as long as they reflected the updates of the illustrating a breakdown of the £4.5k spend on behalf of Pilton Playing Fields Trust and add a cumulative 'in and 'out'.

#### **4 Report From Five Year Plan Sub Committee**

- Always reviewing areas to help improve future income.
- The Co-op tenancy is up for renewal in 2025, the three revenue streams provide approx. £18k pa on a festival year.
- The Trust hope to maintain a £20k reserve for emergencies.
- The contract between PWMC Ltd. and Pilton Village Trust are nearly ready for review. The new contract will focus on keeping reserves to ensure stability of tenants.

#### **5 Legal**

- The contract between PWMC Ltd. and Pilton Village Trust is nearly ready for review. The new contract will focus on the Ltd. company building up and maintaining reserves, thus ensuring its stability in quiet times, allowing it to continue being a valuable tenant for the Trust and of service the village.
- Land Registry - All land of the building, car park skittle alley etc. is held in trust and belongs to the Pilton Village Trust.

#### **6 Maintenance**

- Monthly maintenance walk arounds are being conducted.
- PWMC Ltd. are working with us and providing us with a list of other priority maintenance issues.

## 7 Fundraising

- Bingo evenings are becoming increasingly successful, the record number of participants is now 82. The November Bingo had 72 participants and the Xmas Bingo is anticipated to be really busy too.
- Quingo & Supper nights highly successful and there are plans for more in 2024.
- Xmas Raffle is going well and will be drawn on 22nd December.
- PVT trustees who volunteered at the Pilton Party Bar raised £4.5k.
- No Children's Xmas Party will be held this year at the Village Hall.

## 8 Pilton Club & Events

As well as the Bingo's and Quingos which raises money directly to the Trust and other charities, there are many other events happening at the Pilton Club (PWMC Ltd.) These include band nights, skittles leagues, band competitions, DJ nights, music jams, food served on Fridays and Sundays and much more. All of these events are supported by Pilton Club (PWMC Ltd.) who provide the bar and kitchen to people who attend. The more money spent at Pilton Club (PWMC Ltd.) helps ensure the Club is successful and will be able to prove more of an income stream into the Village Hall Trust.

## 9 Proposals

1 - **Accepted** - To ensure continuity of the Trust a proposal was put forward to initiate a percentage of nominated/elected Trustees to serve longer terms. For example, 2 x Trustees to serve a three year term, 4 x Trustees to serve a two year term and 4 x Trustees to serve a 1 year term. There was a majority vote to accept this proposal. The Trust will discuss how this will work, ie terms of Trustees proposed and nominated via the trust, then voted on by the public, the longest service automatically gaining the post, allocated terms in the event of not enough nominations to conduct an election and many more options for the preferred method (covering all aspects and remaining democratic), to which the public can vote on.

2 - **Fail** - The Pilton Village Hall Trust meetings are open to all Parishioners as observers. There were 4 x votes for and 4 x votes against. This is classed as a fail.

3 - **Accepted** - Proposal for the Village Hall Entrance to be dressed up to have a 'Pilton Identity' such as Pilton People doing things and events that happen in the village. Examples such as the opening of the building, the Land Army, Queen's Jubilee, Festival, people collages, Gabriel's Orchard, WI, Yoga, Judo, timeline of the Village Hall, map of the 'Pilton Foot Paths' with various painting/photos of views, the Brick project etc. There was a unanimous vote to accept this proposal. The trust will arrange a vehicle for ideas to be sent in to revise.

## 10 **Queries from the Floor/A.O.B**

- Brian Derrick asked the question "Why hasn't the original Pilton Working Men's Club got any acknowledgement for the buildings and land they gifted to the Trust 10 years ago?" The trust agreed to work on acknowledgements to the original Pilton Working Men's Club.
- Marilyn Wedgwood highlighted that the Object of the Charity has changed and used to reference "Social Activity and Building" and why it does not reflect the 2014 constitution. The 2014 Constitution was presented at the AGM and it was accepted, however the Charity Commission rejected it. The Charity Commission sent a letter to the Trust in 2016 and implied that we couldn't operate if we are selling alcohol. Hence why the Trust has reverted to the 2012 Constitution and Pilton Working Men's Club Ltd. was set up as the Trust's tennant to continue to provide this service to the village.
- Marilyn Wedgwood had concerns that the current object could pose a risk of the Village Hall no longer being an amenity for the village, as the current object states that Trust must maintain the building and this statement does not provide a commitment to develop the building for village use or for the Trust to keep the building to serve the village. The Trust explained that the village hall is protected for the Parish of Pilton, as the land registry is now in line with the Charity Commission's requirements. Also the Trust has rejected the proposal for transferring the Trust into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) status which could have put the building into the vulnerable position of no longer being an amenity for the village.
- Title of Trust Deeds - Pilton Parish Council are the custodian of the Trust Deeds, if the Trust fails the assets, i.e. the land and building will be vested in the Charities Commission into a Trust that shares the 'Object' where the objectives and purpose of the building say the same.
- John Boucher congratulated the Trustees for providing open communication throughout their term.
- As outgoing Chair, Terrance Moulder thanked Richard Woodhouse for all of the hard work he contributed to the Trust.

## 11 **New Trustees for term 2023/2024**

- 1 - Alan Ayres
- 2 - Audrey Brown
- 3 - Carrie Hemmings
- 4 - Joanna Thoms
- 5 - John Broxup
- 6 - Kelly Sumner
- 7 - Mikael Nyblom
- 8 - Nicole Parks
- 9 - Rob Hargrave
- 10 - Terrance Moulder
- 11 - Tracey Mapstone

### **Appendix**

*Appendix 1* - Pilton Village Trust - Update from Legal Sub-committee for AGM on 25 November 2023, read out by Richard Woodhouse at the AGM

**Meeting closed at 20:45**