SHALFORD VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD 9TH APRIL 2009 at SHALFORD VILLAGE HALL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Garry Mills (Chairman), Nicola Walton (Treasurer), Linda Golding (Secretary), Lawrence Rawlinson, Jane Mills, Sara Hooper, Colin Golding, Anna Brunskill, Len Butcher, Ian Butcher, Andrew Hull.

APOLOGIES:
Apologies were received from Brian Turner and Brenda Hanley

Also present: Cllr & Mrs Eversden, Cllr Alan Oates, Steve Hooper, Richard Harvey, Bill Metherell.

1) Chairman's Welcome and Address

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief resume of the past year's activities and how the present Committee had continued to establish itself, although we were still uncovering things we did not know about. Points mentioned were:-

- There had been an increased use of the hall facilities and the fete had been reinstated. Funding raising events such as clairvoyant nights, Christmas events had all helped with increasing our funds.

- The Parish Council had given monies towards the cost of a gang mower which was much needed for the playing field.

- A grant from Essex County Council Initiative Fund of £5000 has been awarded to us towards the cost of refurbishing the showers, and more money for this project was being sought.

- The profit from the 2008 fete has been earmarked for the planned new playgound and it was hoped grant monies would be received towards the cost of this project. The Parish Council had also donated money from the sale of the footpath map that Cllr Alan Oates had produced and this was much appreciated.

- Long terms plans for major drainage works to the playing field are proposed which would mean more games would be able to played on the pitch by the football teams. Also purchase of more maintenance equipment.

- The 2008 Fete has been quite a success and thanks went to Anna Harvey and Sara Hooper, along with the committee and volunteers. It was hoped this would repeated this year.

- Future events include a hog roast on the 14th June.

- The Premises Licence had been obtained.

- Car park gates added to stop annoyance by wheel spinners etc in car park to local residents.

- Village hall sign had recently been erected.

- There had been one committee change during the year which was the resignation of Elizabath Frost who had represented the WI due to her loss of hearing.

The Chairman concluded by expressing his thanks to the committee for their help and efforts.

Questions:

Cllr Alan Oates queried the date of the hog roast and was it on the same day as the one planned for FOSTAC

Progress of playground: Colin Golding answered three quotes had been obtained. Playground surface was to be replaced. A wood construction was favoured. Because of the time it took to obtain grants it was unlikely work would start before the end of Summer.

2) Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on the 9th April 2008 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3) Treasurers Report

The Treasurer reported it had been a better year and she had circulated the balance sheet to those present. She reaffirmed what we had already heard from the Chairman that bookings had increased. The fete profit had been allocated to the playground fund along with the monies received from the sale of the footpath maps by the Parish Council. Savings had been made on insurance. Electricity costs were high.

The 2008 accounts which were not signed off at the last AGM had now been signed by the auditor.

Questions:
Cllr Alan Oates: Was Performing Rights an annual fee. The Treasurer confirmed it was. He also commented on the cost of lighting which appeared to be a large amount.
Anna Harvey: Queried Electricity Cost. The Treasurer advised this was to go on next agenda and it was hoped a better deal could be obtained.

The Treasurer advised the meeting the Auditor had recommended a safety net of £4000 which was to be left in the Business Account.

4) Adoption of the 2007/008 Accounts

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Colin Golding
Seconded by Cllr Alan Oates.

5) Election of the Officers for Committee

Chairman	Garry Mills	Proposed by Colin Golding and Seconded by Andrew Hull
Vice Chairman	Colin Golding	Proposed by Anna Harvey and seconded by Len Butcher
Treasurer	Nicola Walton	Proposed by Cllr Alan Oates and seconded by Ian Butcher
Secretary	Linda Golding	Proposed by Cllr Alan Oates and seconded by Richard Harvey
Bookings Clerk	Jane Mills	Proposed by Anna Harvey and seconded by Andrew Hull

Any other Business

Lawrence Rawlinson offered his resignation from the Committee which the Chairman reluctantly accepted. A short discussion followed by unfortunately Lawrence would not reconsider his decision. Lawrence agreed he would continue to cut the grass until a replacement for him had been found.

Date of Next Annual Meeting in April 2009 to be advised.

Meeting closed at 8 pm

Signed……………………………….. Date…………………………..