

## FUTURE GOVERNANCE OF SILCHESTER VILLAGE HALL - From the Trustees September\* 2011

Many of you will have attended the recent General Meeting held at the Club Room on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July to consider a new governing document. The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to apologise to all the attendees for

- (a) holding the meeting in the Club Room which, in the event, was far too small for the unprecedented numbers that attended. Although we were delighted to see so many attending a Village Hall General Meeting, clearly we were not expecting such a large turnout which had, we believe, largely been prompted by the anonymous flyer that was delivered to your doors. We will ensure that the reconvened meeting is held in the main Hall.
- (b) allowing two versions of the proposed new governing document to have circulated prior to the meeting. This was an error on our part caused by the reformatting of the document on the advice of the Charity Commission which caused a variation in the numbering of paragraphs between the two versions.

We want to take this opportunity to advise Silchester residents that when the Trustees are in a position to reconvene the meeting, we will

- (a) publicise the date and time on all Parish Notice Boards; on the Silchester Village Hall website, on the Silchester 2011 Diary Webpage at <http://www.thesilchesterdiary.co.uk> and in the Calleva. We will – if publication dates suit – also publicise the date and time in the Parish Magazine;
- (b) ensure that all residents have an opportunity to properly consider the new governing document prior to the meeting, by making best efforts to deliver the Agenda and the new governing document in hard copy to all residences that fall within the “area of benefit”, ie the parish boundary and the area that extends half a mile outside the parish boundary.

In view of the strength of feeling of many of the attendees of the 25<sup>th</sup> July meeting, the trustees have decided to postpone making planning applications for the Village Hall Extension and a property on Village Hall land pending the outcome of the reconvened general meeting. As current Trustees we feel that this will go some way to assuage the concerns of some residents that these matters are in any way associated with our recommendation that the governing document should be updated and made more democratic. Many of the current Trustees will not be putting themselves forward for future re-election and these matters are therefore best decided by a new managing body.

Finally, we very much hope, on reading this article and, in due course, the new governing document, that as many of you as possible will come along to the reconvened meeting when it is publicised. Should the new governance be accepted, we will wish to vote in a new group of Managing Trustees. So, if you think you would like to be involved in the future running of the village hall over what will be a very exciting period in its history, please do put your name forward NOW by emailing the Secretary of the Management Committee, Nicky Alcock [here](#)