Apologies Liz Newton, Claire Stratton, Sarah Marks

Present 12 people were present.

Minutes The minutes of the meeting for last year had been circulated to the village on the email list and they were accepted by the committee. There were no matters arising.

Appointment of Committee See Below.

Treasurer's Report Julian reported that the income was up by £1500 on last year. £6500 in the bank and the finances are stable. Now Barry Marks is no longer here we will have to employ people to do repairs and renewals in the hall. After a lot of research we will stay as we are with the storage heaters, reducing the no of heaters did not reduce the cost of the electricity. Stours Parish Council pays for the insurance and maintenance of the swings but a few things need to be done to comply with the safety report.

Chairman's Report The hall is an excellent centre for village activities and we have some interesting hirers. He kindly thanked Julian for all his hard work with the finances and the heating Sarah and her housekeeping team and June for getting the hall into its present state, Tony and his caretaking team. Maura and Colin for the success of the fete and the dog show, Tim and his team for the pop up pub nights bringing different people into the hall. And last but not least Wendy and Steve with the website which has been financed by a set up grant for £250 from the Parish Council. This will also be enough to keep the running costs covered for a couple of years. The advertising will help with costs and it was suggested to try local Estate Agents. It has been useful for people to register for the village email on the website. We briefly discussed the new planning application for a barn for a small business use on the land owned in Stour Lane by people wanting to grow willows and generally to a new sort of life

New Committee Members Julian is stepping down at the end of the financial year and Tony Crocker kindly offered to take his place. June would like to step down too (after 20 odd years!) so if anyone would like to take over as Secretary (not very onerous thanks to Julian and Martyn) please let her know 838719 or june.watkins@gmail.com.

Fund Raising Emily Watkins had done a masterclass and raised £350 for the hall, the Fete raised £1000 over and above our usual fund raising and general income. Next year Glynis has offered to do a tea party in June and we hope the Fete to be run again in a couple of years alternating with the Open Gardens. The Pub evening will take every couple of months and raises a bit of money. Next date 30th August. Parish Council report The playing fields have now had the hedge reduced in size by 4 metres and the trees pruned. The cricket nets are being used and Stour Row residents are encouraged to use the facilities there if they wish to do so as they are jointly owned with Stour Provost.

Church The application for a private residence has been with the Council for some months now. It seems that the Heritage Officer is not yet happy with the design for the kitchen addition but it is hoped that the matter will be resolved.

Bookings Sarah Marks said that bookings were holding up and she has kindly agreed to continue to do the them. She is very grateful to her volunteers with the cleaning of the hall.

Cleaning Rota Sarah Marks is very kindly still doing the cleaning but if anyone could help please contact her on smarks@btinternet.com. It would be 1 hour a week for a month and the floor needs to be mopped, dusted, loo cleaned etc.

Any other business Please contact Martyn martynrobinson@talk21.com for communication in the village via email or Octavo or for additions/alterations to our website.

The meeting ended at 8.15pm.

Election of Committee 2019

Chairman: Martyn Robinson

Vice Chairman: Tim Ledger

Treasurer: Julian Panton/Tony Crocker

Secretary: June Watkins

Co/opted PC: Venetia Jones

Bookings: Sarah Marks

Housekeeper: Sarah Marks

Short Mat Bowls: Eunice Gawler

Property Managers: Tony Crocker, Steve Beck, Tim Ledger

Co-opted Members: Mr and Mrs Sandicombe and Wendy Robinson

Tai Chi: Sue Marks

**Proposed by Peggy de Tisi**

**Seconded by Wendy Robinson**