

# MINUTES

## Lymm High School PTA AGM

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**Date:** Monday 05 October 2020 (by Zoom)

**Chair:** Helen Johnson

**Minutes:** Kirsty Holden

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### **In Attendance**

Gwyn Williams (GW, LHS Head), Helen Johnson (HJ, acting chair), Kirsty Holden (KH, secretary), Nicola Storey (NS), Rigel Allan (RA), Kirsty James (KJ), Natalie McGillivray (NM), Antonia Mungai (AM), Jane Norton (JN, Treasurer), Kerry Spink (KS), Sarah Coke (SC), Susan Oakley (SA), Liz Green (LG, Chair of the Governors), Emma Roberts (ER), Louise Hassall (LH), Katie Oldham (KO), Clare Martin (CM)

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### **Apologies**

Cathy Warner (CW), Ann Gorman (AG), Sue O'Connor (SOC)

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### **Welcome**

HJ welcomed everyone to the meeting

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### **Minutes / Matters Arising**

The minutes were read and accepted.

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### **Reports**

#### **Head Teacher's Report:**

1. The 3G pitch has been constructed, opened, is in use and community groups have also just started to use it.
2. Coronavirus:
  - a. In school: Everyone has managed well, the pupils have been amazing and taken things in their stride. Staff have been exceptional and GW couldn't speak more highly of them. Systems are in place and are functioning to manage the situation.
  - b. Outside school: The flurry of cases that came at the start of term was tricky to manage. School has had 8 or 9 positive cases since the start of September. Recently there hasn't been a new case for a week or so. Challenges included managing and deciding on the nature of bubbles plus it's difficult to have children at home isolating but have teachers full time in school. Communication is important as its required to keep track of close contacts for tracing.
  - c. There has been a higher staff absence, mainly due to staffs' own children isolating at home.
  - d. Parents have been understanding, and empathetic about the situation.

#### **Chair's Report:**

It has been an unusual year and hopefully it will stay that way, unusual, and not become usual. PTA has been quiet due to this but has still managed to raise some money and was the only Lymm school that managed to have a ball in the 2019/2020 academic year due to Coronavirus. Employing small groups focused on different events/fundraising streams has been effective again this year for example for the curry night and ball.

Coronavirus: Communication from school has been factual and frank and parents have appreciated the manner in which school have dealt with the situation.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

**2019/2020** – limited Easyfundraising income, the curry night made £545 profit, the ball made a profit but numbers and income were reduced compared with the 2019 ball. We received £927 from the Ladies' Lunch which is actually an income for 2018/2019. At the end of year PTA has just over £14,000 in the bank. PTA have managed to fund a list of items for various school departments totalling just under £14,000.

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### **Election of Officers**

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#### **Chair person – Helen Johnson to remain as interim chair**

Nominated by JN  
Seconded by KH

#### **Secretary – Kirsty Holden**

Nominated by HJ  
Seconded by NM

#### **Treasurer – Jane Norton**

Nominated by KH  
Seconded by HJ

#### **Publicity/FB mediator – Antonia Mungai**

Nominated by HJ  
Seconded by NM

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### **Fundraising**

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#### **Targets**

The PTA funded a list of items for various departments in school at the end of the last academic year. Not decided what next fundraising target will be, to be discussed further at the next meeting.

#### **Events**

Events will be difficult to arrange given the current situation with Coronavirus. Discussion on potential fundraising that could be performed in current climate.

#### **Catering at 3G pitch**

LHS receive regular requests from Lymm Rovers to be able to serve refreshments at weekends when football matches are occurring on school grounds. Discussion on whether this could raise funds for school, perhaps by charging a fee or taking a percentage cut of takings. GW to discuss further with Lymm Rovers.

#### **Raffle**

Discussion on whether a raffle could be run to raise funds with prizes to be donated by local businesses. Discussion to be continued on LHS100 FB group.

#### **Pumpkin competition – HJ and AM**

Discussion on potential for fundraising for school by doing a pumpkin competition, for eg, £3/entry. Discussion to continue on LHS100 FB group.

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### **AOB**

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**Next meeting: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 by Zoom**