

MINUTES OF VILLAGE HALL MEETING HELD AT ROSE COTTAGE ON 16/03/23 AT 7.30

1. Those Attending. M. Bassendine, L. Gillam, B. Hinchcliffe, P. Hinchcliffe, M. McKenzie, J. Wilkes, E. Young.

2. Minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as correct, there were no matters arising and they were signed.

3. P.H. On behalf of the committee expressed condolences to Michele on the death of Angus. Angus was a great supporter and help to the village hall and he will be a great miss.

4. Functional Reports.

Social.

M.M. reported that the last coffee morning was a great success and the next one would be held on 1st April.

Coronation. It was agreed to have an enhanced coffee morning with the AV system, bunting and a Prosecco toast. It was decided that this would be the hall's only function as to have two events in three days was too much to organise. PH. reported that small grants could be available from NCC but details were not yet on the website. It was thought that a bench could be a suitable use of a grant and PH would progress it. MB suggested that the PC might plant a tree as they did in 1953. Highlights.. EY. reported that Beneath the Banner was a great success with forty attendees. JW asked EY for photos and report for the website. After paying Highlights the hall was left with £23 less the cost of their refreshments and £92 was taken on the bar. The next event, Austensibly Murder, would be held on 26th April.

BBQ. It was decided to hold the BBQ on 15th July.

Christmas Fair. JW reported that it would be held on 2nd December and some stalls had committed but more were required.

PH suggested we look into live streaming opera and ballet and would look into it next year.

MB suggested crafternoon as a possibility on a regular basis. It would be put on the website to ascertain interest and included in the annual report.

It was decided that in the light of increases in the cost of beverages the sale price should be increased by 50p.

Hall Hire.

LG reported that Pilates and Dance Wave were continuing and Pilates might increase to a second session shortly. There had been one commercial letting but another one cancelled at the last minute due to speaker problems.

The WI will recommence on the first Tuesday in the month in April.

It was agreed that we need to review hall hire rates and this will be done after the AGM.

Finance.

EY gave a financial report.

PH asked anyone who had expenses to submit them for payment before the month end and he asked for a copy of the accounts spreadsheet.

MB asked for the jubilee tree settlement amount.

PH reported that we had received £150 credit on the electric account from government support and that with that we owed £696 and he would contact EoN with meter readings and pay the balance.

Health and Safety.

JW reported that she was still chasing up the broken bin lid.

There was discussion about wheelchair access to the garden. A standard chair was 25 inches and PH said the gate was wider.

IT.

JW reported it was continuing to work well. PH commented that Carrie Brooks who runs the portal for CAN said ours was the website she suggested other halls emulate.

Gardening.

MM reported that Kaz had cut back the brambles and roses.

The ground elder patch was discussed and it was agreed to try just levelling and seeding then it might just be mown out eventually.

Maintenance.

PH reported that work would be undertaken next week, weather permitting, to repoint and repair the rear wall, replace the lifting kerb stone, replace the gate post, install a soak away, insert a hatch above the small front room, make a cover for the hatch between the hall and cloakroom and draught proof the doors.

5. AGM.

The draft report was discussed. MB believed that the project report as the most interesting thing should be at the start followed by an abbreviated section on thanks.

PH reported that Henry had agreed to do the audit again. He had also checked with the Charity Commission about the increase in income due to grants and that was ok but we needed to submit a copy of the accounts.

EY agreed to comment on Highlights and would fill in the final finance details. MB would comment on heritage.

The possibility of an EV charger and woodworm treatment in the report was discussed and PH was to progress these items.

PH said he had been disappointed with the attendance last year and suggested in addition to the legal notice we put out a reminder on Facebook and email two or three days before it and provide a glass of wine. Agreed

It was agreed that the meeting should be held on Tuesday 13th June at 7.00pm.

6. PV Project.

PH reported that the current estimate of final cost would be £70937 including repairs to the rear wall, protection of the panels and some other minor things. The repointing would be done next week weather permitting and the panels were also scheduled next week. The batteries were hoped to be installed before the month end.

LG asked if there was any progress on the app and PH said Westalls would provide that shortly.

They had also offered to sponsor a coffee morning and were still hopeful of a BUS grant.

MB asked about insurance and maintenance and PH said he would contact the insurers and maintenance would be covered after the guarantee period.

7. Emergency Hub Project.

It was agreed to progress the protocol later in the year but before next winter. Some more equipment had been ordered.

8. Heritage Project.

MB reported that the grant of £350 had been received but the project would be delayed as she had to return to Australia. She explained that there was interest in a reprint of Whittington at War which was to be progressed.

There had been an interesting meeting with Carrie Brooks where the contents of the tin trunk were viewed. CB agreed to check on the costs involved if our items were deposited/ retrieved in The Archive.

MB suggested the production of calendar with old photos of the hall for sale at the Christmas Fair. PH had agreed to put village hall memories on the recorder for the oral history element for the archive.

9. AOB.

Nothing to report

10. Next Meeting.

Wednesday 31st May at 7.30pm at North Cottage,