

## MINUTES OF GREAT WHITTINGTON VILLAGE HALL 16th APRIL 2024 at 7.30 in THE HALL

### 1. ATTENDEES.

M. Bassendine, L. Gillam, B. Hinchcliffe, P. Hinchcliffe, M. McKenzie, T. Tiffin, J. Wilkes, E. Young.  
There were no apologies.

### 2. PREVIOUS MINUTES.

These were agreed as correct and signed.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING.

PH reported that the price for showing films via a film club had increased to £330 per year and £90 per film and it was agreed that this was not viable.

### 4. FUNCTIONAL REPORTS

#### Events

April Coffee Morning was a great success with over 50 people attending. The artist in attendance is considering starting an art class in the hall.

Woolly Wanderers will be at the May coffee morning and Usborne Books in June.

Christmas Fair. All the stalls from last year wanted to attend plus MB reported that The Craft Weavers Group wanted a table. JW to send booking forms.

Highlights. Next production is "A Life in Song" on 8th June at 7.30pm.

History Talk. MB to arrange for the autumn.

BBQ. To be 22nd June. JW to send out early notification. Food and price to be same as last year.

#### Hall Hire.

LG reported several enquiries some of which had already been converted into bookings.

The Easter Party organised by Glynis Murray Hill had been a great success and she hopes to repeat it in the summer.

Upholstery Group to commence in September for a twelve week term with possible follow on next Spring.

Mayoral Election 2nd May.

#### Finance.

EY. gave a financial report. We were in a strong position at the year end and surplus funds had been transferred to a better account with Dudley Building Society.

#### Health and Safety.

JW. reported ongoing problem with Firepoint over mis sold extinguishers but hopefully now resolved. She was more inclined to the purchase of new extinguishers which need less inspection at the end of the current term.

She had signed another year contract with NCC for waste disposal.

Disabled toilet alarm has been repaired at a cost of £561.

It was agreed to purchase an outside doormat and to provide a box and notice for muddy boots and shoes.

MM was to price steam cleaners and report back to next meeting.

#### IT.

JW reported now 413 followers on Facebook and an increasing email list.

#### Gardening.

It was agreed that the primary use of the Innovation Award would be improvements to the garden and MM. TT and PH would progress this. Potentially shrubs at entrance, extending grass over area of ground elder, pruning laburnum trees, removing apple tree and paving round BBQ.

#### Maintenance

PH had repaired the main door and fire door although this needed more work. Replaced the hand wash in the disabled toilet and put up two new pictures in the hall.

### 5. AGM.

The report was discussed EY said there had been 4 Highlights productions not 3 and suggested the finance detail could be tabulated better.

It is to be held on 11 June at 7.00pm.

All committee members confirmed their willingness to stand.

#### 6. SOLAR HEATING PROJECT

PH reported that electricity cost had reduced from £1652 to £461 in the year. Over winter we had used 3660 units and produced 980. We were now producing more than we used and would be back in credit by end May early June.

The three phase meter supply might come in the summer.

The current contract price was 24.7 pp unit and 60pp day. It would change with the new meter.

A Wood would arrange more tree trimming.

#### 7. HERITAGE.

MB. had made progress on the project. She had meetings with several people and the book would show the evolution of the hall from being a school to the present day. She will send the first draft to committee members for comments.

#### 8. EV POINT.

No progress could be made until three phase meter was installed. HE Electric would price for necessary alterations. PH reported that grants may be available.

#### 9. VILLAGE HALL WEEK EVENT.

PH and BH attended at County Hall. It mainly discussed the Heritage Project and the county wide PV scheme project. It may be possible for us to link into their electricity pricing system.

It was Louise Curries last event before retiring from CAN and they passed on the committees thanks to her for all the help she had given.

#### 10. GIGABIT.

PH reported that the award for the area had been granted but the company involved had pulled out. It was now back to the quotation stage. Free internet was therefore on hold.

#### 11. AOB.

Table Tennis Table. MB reported that repairs were now in hand.

Small square tables. We had been borrowing these from Matfen and it was agreed to buy 5 extra ones at £38 each.

Inspiration Award. PH would have to take part in a podcast in the summer.

#### 12. NEXT MEETING.

On 11th June following the AGM.