

MINUTES OF GREAT WHITTINGTON VILLAGE HALL MEETING ON 11th JUNE 2024  
FOLLOWING THE AGM

1. Those Present. M.Bassendine, L.Gillam, B. Hinchcliffe, P. Hinchcliffe, M. McKenzie, T.Tiffin, J. Wilkes, E. Young. Apologies none.

2. Previous Meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

3. Matters Arising.

M.B reported that the required part for the table tennis table is now available and will be fitted. She suggested that once mended it could be made available to use at no cost. It was raised that it would require adult supervision.

P.H. reported that five new small tables had been purchased.

4. Legal Requirements.

The annual declaration of acceptance form and the statement of eligibility forms were completed by all committee members.

Appointment of Officers. No changes were made to the previous appointees.

5. Functional Reports

Events.

Coffee Mornings. Continue to be well supported.

Highlights. Life in Song was held on 8th June and was well supported. E.Y. has requested two events for the autumn. The Bookshop Band and a Lino Printing Workshop.

BBQ. The current long range weather forecast is not good and a decision on go ahead or postpone will be made on Monday 17th. It is possible to put a flyer round village after decision is made as well as emails and Facebook.

Christmas Fair. J.W. has sent out emails to those attending last year. So far there are six confirmed and two more possibilities.

History Talk. M.B. to arrange for the autumn.

Hall Hire.

Private hirings have continued well. A thank you note had been received from Mable Carr's family following her christening party.

The Upholstery Class will start for twelve weeks on September 17th and carry on for a further twelve weeks in the spring and six weeks in the summer. Some residents had expressed interest in joining and P.H. would contact the teacher for class details.

Pilates. L.G. stated that Jill has informed her that she does not wish to continue. P.H. will contact Glynis to see if she knows anyone who might take it over. B.H. also knew of someone and would contact them as a second option.

Finance.

E.Y. gave a financial report and P.H. reported that Lloyds had reduced their interest rate which validated the decision to move reserve funds to Dudley BS.

Health and Safety.

J.W. reported that she had updated all policies. She stated that following the difficulties with Firepoint we should investigate the new type of extinguisher and would contact Safelinks.

PAT testing needed to be undertaken and P.H agreed to contact WNCBC who could provide this.

I.T. and Facebook.

J.W. reported 140+ internet and 420+ followers on Facebook. She was having problems with emails to BT addresses but hopefully a solution has been found.

P.H reported a new broadband contract with BT at a much reduced cost.

Gardening.

T.T. said he would remove the dying apple tree and strim outside verge. P.H said Kaz was happy to carry on looking after that area. P.H, M.M and T.T would meet and decide what to do in the garden.

Maintenance.

P.H reported that the strip at the bottom of the cloakroom door needed refitting and the repair to the fire exit still needed doing although it was fully operational. E.Y reported that there appeared to be damage to the floor in the table store. It was thought to be where a stud wall had been removed. The boot scraper needed fitting outside the front door. E.Y. requested curtains for the upstairs windows to enable Highlights to use them as dressing rooms. P.H would fit rails and M.B would make curtains.

6. Solar Heating Project and Electricity.

P.H said trees still needed cutting and would remind Alfie Wood. Heating timer now being set on a weekly basis. He had discussions with HE Electric and one single phase meter would be sufficient for current needs. He would contact EonNext to arrange this instead of the three phase one we had been on a long waiting list for. When this was done the batteries would be sufficient to run the lighting and AV system for four days in similar to Storm Arwen events.

7. Heritage.

M.B explained that the 48 page draft was complete. She needed higher resolution scans and would arrange those at £1.00 per scan. P.H to contact Northern Powergrid for high resolution photo of the cheque presentation. M.B to obtain a quote for various quantities of the book.

8. Gigabit Project.

Nothing to report.

9. AOB.

M.B said that now it appears that the land around the hall has been sold and could we find out if it was possible to agree access for a fire exit. P.H would contact S Gregory to check if the PC had any information.

M.M explained that the table storage cupboard was damp. P.H thought it was condensation not rising damp and would look into it. He suggested raising the tables on battens to allow air circulation.

10. Next Meeting.

Wednesday 7th August at 7.30 pm.