

MINUTES OF GREAT WHITTINGTON VILLAGE HALL MEETING 20210715

1. Those Present. M. Bassendine, L. Gillam, M. Gosling, B. Hinchcliffe, P. Hinchcliffe, M. McKenzie, M. Petrie, J. Wilkes, E. Young. S. Gregory, Chair, Whittington Parish Council.

2. Apologies were received from A. Lawson, A. Williamson

3. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved after the following alterations made:

Date of next meeting 15.07.21 not 05.07.21

M. G to do flyer for all events

4. Parish Council Information.

Following conversation with Louise Currie re only trustees attending meeting S.G would attend no further meetings. As A.W. was likely to be moving a new Parish Council member would attend meetings after the A.G.M.

Food Bank S.G. had received information from Rachel Scheffer re possible need for food bank to resume. It was agreed that the Village Hall should again take this on if required. M. M. To be responsible.

Prescription collection service. If required this also could be done again. M. G. to put details on website if necessary.

S.G. left meeting after this item.

5. Functional Reports.

Gardening. M.M. reported that Toby had donated a lawn mower to village hall, he will be thanked at gardening event. P.H. to cut ground elder prior to B.B.Q.

Health and Safety. J.W. reported new first aid box situated in kitchen on shelf. She and P.H. met with fire officer on 29.06.21. and are still waiting for detailed report although general guidelines have been forwarded. Fire escape from upstairs not feasible and upstairs should only be used by trustees. J.W. explained fire risk assessment needed for hall but this could be undertaken following meeting with Louise Currie on 19.07.21. M.B. to follow up installation of washbasin in kitchen.

Finance. E.Y. presented financial report. P.H. now on bank mandate and J.W. has completed her details. E.Y. having problems setting up payments and is looking into this. Coffee morning raised £135.00 and Woolly Wanderers £65.00.

Facebook. M.P. reported a lot of interest in Facebook, now approaching 300 followers. Hall obtaining Community Asset status had been of particular interest.

I.T. M.G. stated that new printer may not be necessary as the number of people contacted by email had now increased. He suggested one last hard copy drop saying all further information would be passed on via email with only a few exceptions and asking people to opt in. P.H. asked this not to be done before the A.G.M. when the matter would be raised. M.P. to get email addresses at B.B.Q.

M.G. discussed grant application to N.C.C. for funding for A.V. system and thanked trustees for providing information at short notice.

Maintenance. P.H. reported porch door lock now working but doorstep in cloakroom on hold until fire officers report. P.H. to contact Michael Maughan again re guttering and gate post.

Events. Both coffee morning and Woolly Wanderers had been successful with a good attendance at each.

Social Evening with Garden Focus 20.07.21 at 7.30pm. speaker Andrew Davenport. M.B. reported that speaker was a little nervous re covid situation and M.G. had asked on website for attendees to wear masks and keep at safe distance from others. The speaker will bring plants to sell and we will run pay bar and raffle. M.B. to collect projector and room to be set up after session with Louise Currie on 19.07.21. Gardening Group and Plant a Tree for Jubilee to be raised at event.

Other topics for social evenings in the Autumn discussed.

B.B.Q.24.07.21. 3pm-7pm. M.M. to cater for 60 people with burgers, sausages, salads and desserts. A.L. to provide 3 vegetarian quiches and trustees agreed to make salads or desserts. Entry £10.00 adults, children free and first drink to be free. M.P. to be on door and P.H. and Angus Mc Kenzie to do cooking and E.Y, M.B and B.H. to run bar. To be set up Saturday morning, erect gazebo and circus tent for children. M.P. to organise music and people asked to wear mask inside.

Pub & Pizza Night 30.07.21. 6pm-9pm. There was concern re having this indoor event due to increase in covid numbers and will be assessed after B.B.Q. P.H. now has dart board and table tennis balls, A.L. to provide bats and J.W. has small billiard table.

Future events to be discussed at next meeting in August.

Doorstep Theatre 22 & 23. 07.21. A good take up rate for performances has been reported by the theatre group. There will now be two performances in village hall garden on 23.07.21. at 6pm and 7.15pm. Flyers have been received, M.M.& P.H. to distribute to village.

Bookings. Yoga taster session booked for 26.07.21. M.P. reported hits for this on Facebook and those interested have been asked to contact Dharma directly. Pilates instructor has visited the hall but would probably start classes in September. Proggy Mat Group have booked an extended session for 25.08.21. Discussion at next meeting re charges.

6. Grant Application. M.B, M.P, P.H. and B.H. have attended a meeting with Louise Currie CAN and Stephanie Ellis, National Lottery Community Fund Officer on 30.06.21.

The presentation for solar heating and A.V. equipment appeared to be well received. We will not hear anything further until after September but P.H. will seek clarification from Louise Currie on 19.07.21. Further estimates still required, P.H. to follow up initial contacts and M.B. to forward to P.H. information from T.E.C. re solar panels.

7. Highlights. E.Y. has booked two productions. 100 % Cotten on 29.10.21. at 7.30pm and Long Lost Home on 27.11.21. at 7.30pm. The cost is £100.00 for each production and we can sell tickets for £10.00 with 80% of profit going back to Highlights. M.G. to put on website and E.Y. to ask for photograph for website.

8. Any Other Business.

Volunteers. M.G. has had requests via website from people wanting to help and he suggested a volunteer list. This was felt to be a good idea and to be discussed at next meeting where suitable areas for help could be identified.

Table top sale. M.P. raised the possibility of a table top sale at a coffee morning. This had been suggested by Mimie Angus and for further discussion at next meeting.

E.O.N. Electric bill. A large bill has been received from E.O.N. which is incorrect. P.H. has contacted them to have it altered and has asked for a smart metre to be installed to eliminate estimated readings.

The Spirit newsletter. B. H. has contacted Rachel Scheffer re inclusion of village hall events in newsletter. She has agreed to this and asks for information to be submitted to her by the 20th of the month for publication for the following month.

Coffee Morning. The next coffee morning will be held on Saturday 7th August 10.30am- 12.30pm.

9. Next Meeting. Thursday 12th August 2021 at 7.30pm.