

## MINUTES OF GWVHA MEETING HELD ON 6th OCTOBER 2021 AT 7.30pm VIA ZOOM

### 1. Those Present and Apologies

M. Bassendine, L. Gillam, M. Gosling, B & P Hinchcliffe, I. Jackson, M. McKenzie, M. Petrie, C. Ross, J. Wilkes, E. Young. No apologies were received.

### 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting. These were agreed as correct.

### 3. Matters Arising.

We have been informed that the bonfire to be arranged by The Friends of GW. in E. Robsons field was not to go ahead.

### 4. Functional Reports.

Social. M.M.

Friday night at the Hall. It continues to be successful. M.P. Suggested take away option which was agreed. The new format for ordering for F&C and waiting in the hall was much better and will continue. The van has made the hall it's permanent location. Discussion re crisps and nibbles, no decision was made. White wine left over from previous committee was unpalatable and to be disposed of. M. P. raised the question of better quality wine at increased price in addition to house wine. M. M. raised the question of Friday Nights continuing on a weekly basis and it was agreed to reassess this after Christmas. Future schedule is

22nd Oct. M.P. and M. G. curry.

29th Oct. Highlights.

5th Nov. F& C. Organiser to be designated.

Coffee Morning. This was successful with over 30 people there including children. £16 was raised from the sale of plum jam made from the tree in the garden. £90 entrance money was taken. It was better for Covid separation with cake table set up in main hall. Next coffee morning to include table top sale with a Christmas theme. M.P. reported at least four table had been booked.

Highlights. E.Y. reported 21 tickets had been sold. It was agreed to have an interval for sale of wine. I. J. and M.G. to set up hall. People to be told it is not a normal Friday Night. To be put on website and Facebook.

Christmas Social. It was decided that it should remain on Friday 17th Dec. to be put on website when details finalised.

Burns Night. M.M. Suggested having one. After discussion it was decided to have appropriate food on the nearest Friday.

Cultural M. B.

Oct 26th. Bulbs bulbs and more bulbs by Linnels Farm. 7.30 for 8.00pm. she would arrange projector. Screen available upstairs.

Nov 16th. CPRE. Giving history of their work round Northumberland. They would aim to gain new members and any donations given to be divided between them and us.

It was agreed that the donation given by M.B. would cover the cost of the talks.

Jan next year show and tell by M.B, B.H. and P.H. Feb zebras in Namibia by M.G.

There was then discussion about advertising events in The Courant and The Spirit. M.P. suggested that it would be more sensible for this to be centralised with the website and Facebook and this was agreed. B. H. to pass details to M.G and M.P.

Finance. E.Y.

E.Y. gave a financial report. She reported income of £90 from coffee morning, £116 from curry, £111 from chilli and £87 from pizza. Also £1564 grant for laptop etc. Expenditure for asbestos survey £360, fire extinguisher check £32 and also goods bought by committee members.

Mandate working well between her and Judith.

B.H. asked if any licences were due and she would check but thought not

P.H. asked how gift aid application was progressing and she needed NI numbers and charitable objectives. P.H. to supply.

Health and Safety. J.W.

It was reported that as upstairs was not used the fire officer was happy with the current alarm system.

No news on kitchen basin. M.B. to follow up.

I.T. M.G.

He gave an update on AV system. Universal still waiting for major items so no date for installation yet. We don't need a pole to download items then show but live streaming not possible. M.G. given authority to pick and buy laptop from grant. P. H. to draft notice for website about grant and pass to M.G. Both reported problems with BT installation either by pole or wayleave. They are to try to resolve problem. No need for BBC licence or BT until installed and Netflix not to be contracted until terms and conditions clarified. P.H. Asked M. G. to contact Jack, BT sales about pole and or wayleave. P. H. had also contacted Veronica Jones, our county councillor, re payment for pole. She said it was not possible due to NCC regulations but guaranteed an equivalent sum towards solar project.

Facebook. M.P.

She had previously circulated a Facebook usage report which showed good uptake. She said that one which had generated considerable interest was a library cupboard. Quotes to be obtained before any decision made.

Gardening.

M.M. reported that Toby had removed some dead trees from the garden and done pruning. It was reported that rubbish removed from village entrance left there. M.M. and M.B. said they would remove.

Maintenance P.H.

The new key safe is installed. Under window sills siliconed. M.G. raised problem of poor outside paintwork on front windows and gutters. Quotes needed for work to be on next agenda. Various people said they knew painters.

Booking and Hire Charges. L.G. and I.J.

I.J. to convene small subcommittee to report on hire charges and booking arrangements. M.B. said we should use the CAN form as much as possible. B.H and P.H. both said that it was important to keep the local fees as low as possible to encourage usage and didn't want separate kitchen pricing. J. W. wanted a simple form so that any committee member could undertake booking procedure.

5. Asbestos.

M.G. reported on the asbestos survey which had been completed. It was identified as boarding in internal and external porch ceilings. J. W. to write document to inspect annually and keep painted. The invoice has been paid.

6. Grant Application. P.H.

He reported that he had had an email from P.Barrett re Green Rigg Wind farm. Hopeful but would be considered after lead funding from lottery approved. Small lottery grant of £1564 approved and paid into bank account.

7. Film Club. M.P., I.J. and C. R.

They had had some thoughts but would not progress anything until equipment availability confirmed.

8. AOB.

Heritage M.B.

She confirmed that we are on CAN list for the heritage project. I.J. to attend meetings on 11th and 25th Oct re oral history taking. Funding is available. Relevant photos are in the NCC archives and in the hall. Might be possible to reprint Whittington at War and the Gardening Publication. These would coincide with the 50th anniversary.

Fire Escape. A discussion took place re the possibility of a fire escape. M.M. to meet interested parties at the hall at 9.00am on Thursday.

Gay Bradbeer. E.Y. had taken a card from the committee to her in hospital and wished her well. Since arriving not long ago she has been a supporter of the hall and is on our volunteer list. Halloween. M.P. raised if we should do anything for Halloween. It was decided not to.

9. Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th Nov at 7.30pm via zoom.