

## MINUTES OF GREAT WHITTINGTON VILLAGE HALL MEETING DATED 19th JANUARY 2022

1. Those Present. M. Bassendine, B. Hinchcliffe, P. Hinchcliffe, I. Jackson, M. McKenzie, M. Petrie, C. Ross, J. Wilkes, E. Young. Apologies received from L. Gillam, A. Lawson.

2. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed

3. There were no matters arising not covered in the agenda.

4. Functional Reports.

Social

Jubilee. M.P. reported that there were grants of up to £500 available to support this.

It was agreed to have a tea party on Sunday 5th June.

It was moved that this should be a village function, not a village hall one, and a Jubilee committee should be formed to organise it. M.P. agreed to draft information to go on Facebook and email list and asking for volunteers.

Hall reopening. With the decline in omicron it was decided to reopen the hall for functions in February. Coffee morning 5th Feb, Fish and Chips 4th Feb and possibly 18th at the earlier time of 4.30 until 6.00pm.

Postponed Christmas dinner. 25th February. Canapés, Beef and Ale Casserole or Chicken Curry, cold deserts.

W.I. are to return to the hall for their first meeting on 1st Feb. They have requested the use of AV system and I. J. will demonstrate use at date to be agreed.

M.P. reported that yoga would cease as Dharma now had a full time job and B.H. stated that she was hoping that keep fit would take its place Jeanette McMahon was organising this.

Highlights E.Y. reported she had booked them for 19th May.

Educational. M.B. hoped a talk on metal detecting possibly in March. She felt that at the moment our priorities should be Jubilee, Heritage and Film Club.

Finance. E.Y. gave the financial report.

C.R. asked about when the accounts were forwarded to the PC. P.H. said it was following the AGM and it had been done.

C.R. raised a question on budgets. It was agreed to do a budget for fixed costs but events should be self financing and contribute to the running costs.

Gift Aid approval has now been granted by HMRC M.B. Suggested this should be put in the newsletter.

Easyfunding. J.W. raised the subject of easyfunding . E.Y. Is to draft something to go in the newsletter.

H & S. P. H. reported problems with the sink waste pipe but he now had the parts.

IT. P.H. reported that the wayleave was not an option and we would have to pay for the pole. Agreed to go ahead.

Facebook. M.P. reported lots of interest.

Gardening. Kaz has cut the verge bushes and P.H. said the car park trees would be cut in February.

A garden bin was discussed and it was agreed to review it in the summer.

Maintenance Patch painting still to be done as weather not suitable.

5. Correspondence. After much discussion it was agreed to respond to the anonymous letter by way of a newsletter that would explain what the committee had done and to seek the views of the village on what we could do. I.J. and M.B. to draft the newsletter and circulate for comments. M.M. was given a budget of £100 to buy items for a childrens corner and she said she would consult with parents on this.

6. Grant Progress. Email received today. It has gone forward to National Committee with a recommendation of £31500. P. H. to contact other funders. I.J. and P.H. to prepare preplanning. Other quotations are ongoing.

7. Storm Arwen. C.R. reported that it was discussed at the PC meeting and suggested a response to the NCC task and finish group. P. H. said it was good but needed a bit adding that funding needed to be available. M.M. reported she had attended our MP's meeting at Bellingham and village halls had been discussed. P. H. said he was going to the Hexham meeting and had raised that £2500 would cover portable gas equipment. P.H. reported that we were entitled to a loss of income claim for the Highlights event. E.Y. Would calculate it and P.H. would submit claim.

8. Bluebell Rise. P.H. reported we had a copy of the deeds and we owned no land outside the building so only had common law rights of maintenance. He said he had spoken to Anvil and a meeting was to be arranged between them and I.J. and P.H. to obtain clarification.

9. Heritage. M.B. is to contact Gill Jones re the photography group and a list of possible contacts was given of long standing residents of the parish. Details of the project is to be put in the newsletter to be drafted by I.J. and M.B..

10. Film Club. Newsletter to include item on what films people would prefer to see.

11. Governance. I.J. Asked that this be discussed at the next meeting

12. Electricity. P.H. explained that the contract was due to expire. The lowest price he could find so far was double the current cost. He was authorised to get the best possible deal and sign up. He emphasised that the heating should be turned off at the wall switch on leaving as the timers could switch back on heaters that were off if this was not done. They were not to be put on too early as they currently cost a total of £2.70 per hour if all were on and this would rise to over £5.00.

13. AOB. Nothing.

14. Next Meeting to be on 16th February at 7.30.