

North Wootton Village Hall Committee Meeting

Minutes

Location: North Wootton Village Hall

Date: Thursday 14th November 2019 Time: 19:00

Attendees: Dennis Blackmore-Chair, Neil Pearce-Secretary, Sarah Simmonds-Booking Clerk, Wendy Border-Finance, Will Border, Colin Smith, Barry Watkins, Doreen Taylor, Bob Angell, Bridget Nurse.

1. Apologies- Antony, Donna, John, Sammy, Kier.
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting held on 10th October 2019
3. Matters arising-

Bob reported that we need more shingle for the front and sides of the hall, at least three tonnes are required. Bridget said that Nurse Builders will supply.

The Committee thanked Will and the maintenance team for sorting out the drain at the front. We no longer have standing water at the front of the hall when we have heavy rain.

Will has also contacted the Highways Agency concerning putting up a new boundary fence alongside the hall. Highways are willing to cover half of the total costs which is around £3,000 in total. The application for this needs to go through the Parish Council, with whom Will has spoken and they are willing to do this and will be put in on behalf of the PC by Will. Dennis confirmed he will write a letter on behalf of the VHC. It is possible the County Council may contribute to this, but if not the VHC will cover any shortfall from our funds.

Electrical box update- Bob has two quotes and will update for the next meeting. The VHC will cover the cost of this from our funds.

Updates from Sub-Committees.

4. Finance

Wendy handed out the latest accounts.

The Christmas trees have been ordered/purchased and will be delivered to Antony's on the 28th November.

We received £36.00 from the West Norfolk Wins lottery this month.

Weight watchers are back on the 11th December and have been invoiced accordingly by Wendy.

5. Maintenance

Bob said that we have several jobs to keep on top of inside the hall throughout the winter months. He also thanked all who had helped to paint the outside of the hall. This has virtually been completed now with just some work to do on the back of the hall.

Another maintenance day is scheduled for next weekend (23/11/19).

6. Events.

In Antony's absence Neil passed on his behalf that he would be grateful for any volunteers to help get the hall ready for the Christmas Fair on Saturday the 30th November.

We also have the monthly village market on the 21st December and again Antony would appreciate any helping setting up on the Friday evening beforehand.

7. Bookings

Sarah reported that Weight Watchers have returned with Andrew advertising this through our website.

Sarah also reported we have a weekly fitness class on Monday nights until Christmas (immediately after Weight Watchers)

We have a wedding reception booked in February (the lady from Flowers on the Green)

Sarah stated that bookings are looking solid for Jan/Feb.

We have the hall hired for the General Election on the 12th December and also the Police Commissioners election in May- the PC have changed the date for their meeting because of this.

AOB.

Wendy pointed out that the electricity providers contract runs out in March 2020 and that we will look into quotes for alternative providers in the meantime. Will handed out some quotes but no decision made as of yet. Update for the next meeting.

The Committee agreed to have a Christmas gathering on Thursday 19th December after the Committee meeting. Drinks and snacks to be provided.

PC have donated £40.00 for the purchase of a Christmas tree for the front of the hall. The Committee agreed to purchase a 30 metre set of lights for this at the cost of approximately £80.00.

Wendy informed the Committee that Will and herself cannot attend three bingo evenings on the 26th March, 30th July and september 24th next year due to holiday commitments. It was suggested that Kier may be willing to do the 'calling' on these dates. Will to ask and confirm.

Bob has asked if the Rotary Club would kindly loan their tree wrapper again this year which they have agreed provided we can supply storage space for it. Bridget offered to store on the Committee's behalf.

The Chairman asked if anyone who cannot attend the meetings if the could contact the Secretary with apologies please.

Date of the next meeting:

Thursday 19th December 2019 at 19:00. This will be a brief meeting followed by a small gathering of the Committee and partners if they wish to attend to have drinks and snacks in celebration of Christmas and another successful year for the VHC.

Meeting concluded 20:15