

North Wootton Village Hall Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: North Wootton Village Hall

Date: Thursday 22nd October 2020 Time: 19:00

Attendees: Dennis Blackmore (Chairman) Neil Pearce (Secretary) Wendy Border (Finance/Bookings) Sarah Simmonds, Bob Angell, Will Border, Barry Watkins, Colin Smith, Jason Harper, John Marshall-Grint.

Apologies: Doreen, Keir.

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None.

Updates from Sub-Committees

Finance

The latest accounts were handed out by Wendy to all members. Wendy explained we are expecting a payment in the next two weeks from Network Power. We have also received £165 from The Purfleet Trust.

We are receiving some regular income still from the Yoga class and the MS Society. Money has been used for all necessary covid items such as sanitizer and face shields.

Alcohol license has been approved at a cost of £278.

Wendy added that due to current restrictions our main source of income is from the regular yoga classes but hoped that things will improve when the current situation relents.

As explained previously all deposits for hirers unable to attend due to the lockdown have now been returned. Wendy remarked that many of these regular hirers are looking to return as soon as allowed.

Maintenance

Nothing to report. Bob explained that to his knowledge nothing major needed doing urgently.

Bookings

This was covered earlier in the meeting.

Events

Antony informed the committee that the Curry Evening had been postponed and that we would have to wait to see how the covid situation developed regarding all future events.

The previous Village Market had gone well although the weather had not been kind. All visitors stuck to social distancing and in the circumstances the even went well. The Chairman thanked all who had attended and helped run the event.

50 Christmas trees have been ordered to sell. (These have, since the second lockdown, been unfortunately cancelled).

The Committee discussed the difficulties in keeping the hall warm during events due to the need to keep it well ventilated because of the current situation. It was suggested we have a marquee outside the front door to help stop the draft. It was suggested we trial this at the next event.

Various ideas were put forward by the Committee to help advertise the selling of Christmas trees. Along with the wooden pallet tree signs made by Will last year it was suggested that these were painted green and decorated in some way. It was also suggested we could do some form of 'Christmas tree sign hunt' around the village for children to participate in with small prizes awarded. (Unfortunately this has had to be scrapped because of the lockdown and cancellation of the Christmas Fayre).

Future Events

Since the meeting everything has now been put on hold due to the second lockdown and we await further notice and guidance from the Government regarding the hosting of any events.

AOB

Jason informed the Committee that the alcohol license had been put in the local paper and that there had been no objections from any persons or parties. We await approval from the Borough Council that the application has been successful.

Will informed the Committee that construction for the pathway around the hall is booked in for November. Plans to be drawn up for approval. Costs are being paid half by the Parish Council and the Highways Dept. We thank them both for their help. Dennis thanked Will on behalf of the Committee for all his hard work on this. (Again dates may change regarding this due to the second lockdown).

Date of the next meeting: A date had been agreed for the 26th of November, but now a date will be TBC due to the current situation.

Meeting concluded at 19:40.

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Date of next Meeting

TBC due to National Lockdown