

North Wootton Village Hall Management Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: North Wootton Village Hall

Date: Thursday 13th May 2021

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

Apologies: Doreen, Colin.

1) The meeting opened with Dennis signing off the previous meeting minutes.

2) Matters arising:

Dennis informed everyone that the shingling and pathway around the hall has now been completed. Everyone commented on how much better the general appearance of the hall looks and thanked Nurse Builders for an excellent job.

3) Updates from Sub Committees.

Finance:

Wendy handed out a copy to all members in attendance of the latest financial report. Our accounts are looking healthy due to several grants we have received during lockdown. Interest in using the hall is beginning to resume as we come out of lockdown which means we will hopefully have a regular stream of income soon.

Wendy also went through the costs of the work done outside the hall by Nurse Builders and thanked them once again.

Maintenance:

Bob explained that we need to repaint the internal woodwork and some of the walls as it has become chipped and worn.

Proposed porch for the hall-Wayne Skipper has completed some architectural drawings of proposed porch which Bob shared with the committee members. As not all of the committee are unanimously in agreement with the proposal Dennis suggested we consult with the local community during events such as the village market and also to ask through social media (Facebook Page etc) for their views. Will suggested we should consult the Parish Council to make sure there are no objections also.

Bob explained we intend to have a storage area at the rear of the hall and that 'Timber Services' can supply the timber needed. Sarah raised the issue of the water heater in the kitchen and Bob has said he will look into this. We also need to find a location for the De-Fib. Will and Bob to look into.

Sarah also raised some other jobs that need looking at including toilet windows and fire-door latch.

Events:

Antony reminded the committee we have the Village Market this coming Saturday and thanked all those who delivered leaflets. There have also been press releases and banners advertising the market. Antony also added that nine local business's are sponsoring new banners.

Antony explained we are hoping to host a VJ Day celebration on Saturday 15th August with singers/dancers and a band in attendance and vehicles from the era on show. Food/drink will be served at the event. A grant from the Norfolk

Community Foundation and the PC has helped to fund the event.

Dates are TBC for Curry Nights hopefully in the near future.

Bookings:

Wendy said interest in bookings for the hall are starting to steadily increase as lockdown restrictions are easing.

W/C 24/06/21 Easy Dance will be having weekly sessions.

W/C 07/07/21 Yoga classes booked for 6 sessions.

Parish Council will start to have their meetings once more in the hall from June.

Other enquiries from the local church group, ukulele group and private christenings/parties about booking the hall.

There has also been interest in holding coffee mornings during the week but for these to go ahead we will need volunteers/organisers from outside the committee as not all can do this due to work/other commitments.

TBC-Dates for resuming bingo nights but most likely from September.

Christmas Market set for Saturday 4th December. It was agreed to sell Christmas trees but have a limit of 50.

4) AOB:

Wendy raised the issue of cleaning the hall and whether to continue using Jetreach or not. It was suggested we get quotes from other companies and also outline clearly exactly when and what we wish to have cleaned.

Antony suggested we need to have the hall cleaned prior to and after events/parties etc. Wendy to look into quotes from cleaning companies and report back for the next meeting.

The point was raised by Bob and several others from the committee that we need a new notice board. We have the options of either making one for ourselves or

buying a new one. Will suggested a ready made robust one might be the way forward. This was agreed by all and Will to report back to the next meeting with quotes.

Jason confirmed the alcohol license has been approved to everyone's joy.

Jason also raised the point that we might be interested in canvassing local villagers opinions on any future proposed redevelopments in North Wootton in light of what is happening with new developments in neighbouring South Wootton. This can be done through the PC as well as future meetings and events. He stated it's better to have a heads up regarding issues like this as often planning permission has been granted before locals have time to respond and object. All agreed this would be a good idea.

Date for next Meeting: Thursday 17th June at 7pm.

Meeting concluded at 20:10