

North Wootton Village Hall Management Committee

Meeting Thursday 26th August 2021 7:20pm

- 1) Apologies: Bridget, Doreen, Wendy, Barry, Bob.
- 2) The previous minutes from the meeting on 15/07/21 were approved and signed off by the chairman Dennis Blackmore.
- 3)

Matters Arising

It was raised that the storage area at the back of the hall still needs to be completed and an update will be given on the progress of this by Bob and the Maintenance team at the next meeting. The target for completion of this is the end of the year.

The De-Fib still needs to be fitted onto the side of the hall. This will hopefully be done by the end of October.

The first of the coffee mornings organized by the local church will take place on the 6th October from 08:30-11:30. If all goes well it is hoped this will be an all year round event and is running to raise funds for dementia support. It will be advertised on the VH website and in the Parish newsletter.

We are still awaiting the delivery of the new notice board and Will agreed to update the committee at the next meeting.

We have now employed the services of Tony Gurhy as our new window cleaner for the hall.

The new cabinet for the storage of the Parish Records has arrived but has not yet been put together. We are proposing that this will be kept in the storage cupboard.

Colin, on Bob's behalf, said that we are awaiting quotes for the new porch on the front of the hall, and that Bob will update at the next meeting. There will also be an update on the new bike rack.

4) Updates from Sub-Committees.

Finance.

This was mainly covered in the AGM and the yearly accounts were handed out to each member of the committee.

Maintenance

Dennis read out Bob's report in his absence which highlighted the work carried out by the team throughout the year and the proposed projects for this coming year.

Events

Antony reported that the return of the village markets has proved very popular and we are now getting an increase in Media coverage because of this. The VJ Day celebration proved particularly popular and was probably our most successful event to date. Antony read out several cards and e-mails from members of the public thanking the committee for hosting the event and remarking upon what a lovely time was had by all.

Future events include an Indian Curry Night on 23rd October and the annual Christmas Fair on the 4th December. We will once more be selling Christmas trees and it was agreed that we will be having a total of 50 delivered (30 6ft and 20 5ft).

It is proposed that we may have Quiz Nights starting up again but this is TBC.

The Queen celebrates her Platinum Jubilee next year and Antony is already sourcing potential funding for us to hold an event in celebration of this.

Bookings

It was suggested by Dennis and others on the committee that we need to review our deposit arrangements for hirers for events such as parties held in the hall. This is in light of damage caused to the dishwasher after a recent event. The lady who hosted the party was contacted concerning the damage and she was very apologetic and agreed to forgo her deposit. However, it was agreed we do need to consider raising the amount of future deposits to cover such eventualities. It was agreed that we should discuss at the next meeting when we have a full complement of members present.

It was also agreed by all members present that we need to get our cleaner in after major functions to clean the hall so it is ready for whoever is using it the following day.

Will confirmed that bookings and interest in the hall continues to grow in light of the easing of restrictions.

Future Events

This was covered by Antony previously in his report for events.

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AOB

The issue of the noise created by the outside generator which the Pizza Man uses when he is set up outside the hall was discussed. He had contacted Antony regarding this to try to find a solution to avoid any further complaints by local residents. It was proposed that we could look into fitting an outside socket to alleviate the need for an outside generator. It was agreed that Bob will meet up and discuss with the pizza man options and costs of such a proposal. Also, we ideally would need to meter the electricity used and perhaps charge him accordingly. An update on this will be ready for the next meeting.

Will said the VH phone has been cancelled and that we have a new contract phone with 02.

It was agreed to send Jason photos of recent events such as the VJ Day to enhance our website and advertise the success of such events.

Bingo nights are starting up again with the first one on the 30th October. It was proposed by Will, and agreed by all, that we will be offering cash prizes for this event instead of buying prizes as we normally do as we are unsure of how much interest there will be initially. If it is successful we may revert to offering prize items in the future. Antony agreed to organize flyers and other members agreed to deliver these around the village.

It was agreed all members will bring along tins for donation for the Christmas raffle hampers for the next meeting.

It was with regret that Dennis informed the committee that Barry has decided to step down from his position on the committee. Barry has been on the committee since it was reformed and has been a valued member and will be missed by all. Barry has said however that he is still willing to help out occasionally at events if

possible. On the behalf of the committee Dennis thanked Barry for all his hard work and contributions to help make the VH the success it has become.

Date of the next meeting: Thursday 23rd September at 7pm

Meeting concluded at 20:15