

## **North Wootton Village Hall Management Committee**

**Meeting Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 7:30pm**

**Apologies:** None

**Attendees:** Dennis Blackmore (Chairman) Neil Pearce (Secretary) Wendy Border (Treasurer) Antony Lamb (Events) Bob Angell (Maintenance) Colin Smith, Doreen Taylor, Bridget Nurse , Jason Harper, Will Border, Sarah Simmonds, Kerry Taylor-Graystone, John Marshall-Grint.

- 1 Approval of minutes by Chairman of the previous meeting held on 21/10/21

### **2 Matters Arising**

The New village hall notice board has been installed and all agreed looks superb.

Installation of the new water heater has been completed.

The new cycle rack has been put in place.

Exterior electrical cable sockets have also been fitted.

### **3 Updates from Sub-Committees.**

#### **Finance**

Wendy handed out copies of the latest financial figures. She explained our accounts are looking very healthy with over a £31,000 balance.

November takings were a healthy £3,371. Bookings continue to improve, and regular hirers are also making valuable contributions to the VH funds.

Wendy confirmed that we have hired a new window cleaner.

#### **Maintenance**

Bob explained that we need to keep on top of the painting of the exterior of the building, and that also the bottoms of the walls inside are showing signs of scuffing and wear and could also do with repainting.

Bob also explained that the maintenance team has dwindled somewhat and that any help from within the committee or outside volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Wendy suggested adding a notice in the parish newsletter to see if anyone is interested in lending a hand on maintenance days.

The rear fire door still needs looking at and Bob will report back regarding this at the next meeting.

Wendy said that she is still waiting for a quote for the storage cupboards at the rear of the hall and will report back on progress at the next meeting. Bob will update in the new year as to progress on proposals for the new porch.

The De-Fib still needs to be fitted; Bob will report back with progress regarding this at the next meeting.

### **Events**

Antony explained that the upcoming Christmas Fair this Saturday (4/12/21) is fully booked up. We have a wide variety of stalls, with 18 inside and 9 outside. It was also noted that with the tightening of covid restrictions once more everyone inside must wear masks unless medically exempt. A one-way system will be in operation also within the hall. As it will be a long day all help from committee members and volunteers will be gratefully accepted. Antony has also requested help setting up ready on the Friday before.

There will be Christmas trees on sale once more, along with mulled wine and mince pies served outside. We are expecting the mayor to attend at around 12.

The final monthly village market of the year will take place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Antony informed the committee that plans are well in place for the Queen's platinum jubilee next year, and that he has received a grant from the National Lottery to help with costs.

It was also proposed that 'Flea Markets' will commence at the hall from the 16<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Bookings**

Wendy reported a steady stream of bookings and even some taken for 2022. It has been quite a challenge for Wendy to juggle slots to accommodate new bookings around new hirers, but she has done a brilliant job in trying to make sure no-one is disappointed.

Dennis enquired about how well attended the church coffee mornings have been and John said they had been steady.

### **4 AOB**

Antony is looking into purchasing a beacon for the jubilee celebration next year.

Sarah informed the committee that the pallet Christmas tree trail has been completed ready for the fair on Saturday.

Dennis informed the room that Neil's new book about the history of North Wootton will be on sale at the Christmas Fair and all profits will be going to the village hall.

Dennis thanked everyone for all their hard work and efforts during the last year, which have seen the VH continue to improve and become the hub of the village.

### **5 Date of next meeting**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7pm.

Meeting concluded 20:30pm.

