

## North Wootton Village Hall Management Committee

Meeting Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022- 7pm

**Apologies:** Dennis, John Bridget, Sarah and Colin.

**Attendees:** Neil Pearce (Secretary) Wendy Border (Treasurer) Antony Lamb (Events) Will Border, Jason Harper, Bob Angell.

- 1 Approval of minutes by Neil on behalf of Dennis of the previous meeting held on the 17/2/22.

### 2 Matters Arising

Neil informed the committee that he has received the resignations of Doreen and Kerry. Doreen had been on the reformed VH committee from the outset and Kerry had joined more recently. The committee thanked both for their valued contributions. They will both always be welcome at the VH.

The De-Fib still needs putting up. Bob & Will are in the process of looking into purchasing a lockable metal cabinet for this. Antony suggested that perhaps it could be fitted onto the new proposed porch. Update from Bob & Will at the next meeting.

Regarding the proposed new porch Wendy enquired as to whether we could get a grant to cover some, or all of the costs. Will is investigating whether a lottery grant is feasible.

Bob has received two quotes and handed round the details of these to the committee. The earliest any work could start is mid-June. An update and discussion on these and any other forthcoming quotes will take place at the next meeting.

### 3 Updates from Sub-Committees.

#### Finance

Wendy handed out copies of the latest financial figures. She explained our accounts are looking very healthy with continued income generated from hirers, bookings and West Norfolk Wins lottery. We have a healthy £37, 720.67 in our account.

### **Maintenance**

Bob explained that the fire extinguisher by the rear fire door has been checked and is ok.

There seems to be an issue with the ceiling lights flashing intermittently which could be due to a charging fault. Bob recommended that testing the switch in the outside fuse box.

A maintenance day was recommended for Sunday 22nd May, which is the day after the next village market.

### **Events**

Antony informed the room that the recent market and Flea Market took £156 & £60 respectively. Both were well attended.

A total of 39 tickets have already been sold for the upcoming Indian Curry Night.

Antony shared the extensive timetable for the upcoming Platinum Jubilee celebration being held at both the VH and on Wootton Park.

It was agreed that a newsletter would be emailed to Derek Cox and Jason Harper to put on both the VH and the Parish Council websites.

### **Bookings**

Wendy reported a steady stream of bookings as the VH continues to be a popular venue for parties, events and hirers.

## **4 AOB**

A proposed rent increase for hiring the VH will be discussed at the next meeting.

It was agreed by the committee to make a £50 donation to the Norfolk Hospice in memory of Jeff Turner, a regular at the VH market, who sadly passed away recently.

Bob raised the idea of solar panels to be fitted to the South facing roof of the building to help reduce energy costs. Bob to investigate and report back at the next meeting.

## **5 Date of next meeting**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7pm.

Meeting concluded 20:24.