

North Wootton Village Hall Management Committee

Meeting Thursday 18th May 2022- 7pm

Apologies: Dennis, John, Bridget, Kerry.

Attendees: Neil Pearce (Secretary) Wendy Border (Treasurer) Antony Lamb (Events) Bob Angell (Maintenance), Sarah Simmonds, Colin Smith, Will Border, Jason Harper.

- 1 Approval of minutes by Neil on behalf of Dennis Blackmore (Chairman) of the previous meeting held on the 21/4/22.

2 Matters Arising

De-Fib-This is being fitted and will be in situ by next week.

Potential rental/hire increases- It was discussed as to whether we need to look at increasing our charges for use of the VH and to keep in line with other halls. As we are at present more than covering our overheads it was decided not to increase immediately until we find out what other places are charging, as we wish to remain competitive and attractive to potential users. If energy bills increase significantly in the Autumn (as expected), we may need to review. Sarah to investigate and find out hiring charges for other local village halls and report back for the next meeting.

Solar panels-Bob suggested Greenscape Energy and someone from this organization is booked in for the 20th of June for a survey.

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, 595.60 in our account. Book sales have so far totaled £1,1130.00. Wendy & Ant are to pay the band 'Swervy World', who will be playing at the VH and the Wootton Park event. Wootton Park committee will be covering 50% of the cost.

We have received a very generous £125 donation from former North Wootton resident Keith Skipper, who now resides in Australia. Neil has passed on the committee's appreciation to Keith for this gift.

SSE electricity has estimated our bill after meter readings were submitted. We are on a fixed rate presently, but we expect increases and potentially larger bills in the near future.

Wendy confirmed that the Church & Wootton Park have both purchased a flag for the Jubilee celebration. A professional photographer will be present for all 3 days of the events.

Maintenance

Bob explained that one base has been put down for the storage sheds at the rear of the hall, and the second will be completed soon. Bob and Will are hoping to paint the south facing exterior of the building on Saturday 21st May whilst the village market is in progress. This will not impact on this event in any way.

Jason Harris will be looking at the ceiling lights in the near future.

Events

Anthony handed out a rota for the upcoming Jubilee event for committee members to mark out when they can attend.

A map was also handed out for volunteers to do leaflet drops around the village and the surrounding areas to advertise the Jubilee event.

A platinum weekend schedule was given out to all members.

A total of £90 was taken for the first flea market and £30 for the second. It was agreed to advertise this better, which hopefully will increase awareness and interest.

32 tickets for the recent Indian Curry Night were sold, with a slight loss of £1.60 made from the event. The wine and beer left over from this will be used for the Jubilee event. The Village Market is being held this week. Anthony will have to leave for part of the event so Colin will oversee proceedings.

Bookings

Wendy reported a steady stream of bookings as the VH continues to be a popular venue for parties, events and hirers. There are some people on the waiting list to use the hall and we have 2 bookings for next year already.

4 AOB

Will is continuing to investigate as to whether we can receive a grant(s) to help cover the costs of building the new porch. There are several potential grants available, including CIL (Community Infrastructure Levies) and The National Lottery. Will to report back for the next meeting.

Bob handed out the three required quotes he has received from prospective builders regarding the construction of the new porch. No decision has been made yet, but Dennis, Neil, Bob & Wendy will be having a meeting to discuss.

5 Date of next meeting

Thursday 14th July 2022 at 7pm.

Meeting concluded 20:20.