

North Wootton Village Hall Management Committee Meeting

Thursday 9th November 2022 7:00pm

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- 1) Apologies: Neil, Sarah, Fiona, Kerry, Bridget, Jim
- 2) The previous minutes from the meeting on 13/10/22 were approved and signed off by the chairman Dennis Blackmore.

3)

Matters Arising

We have received a grant of £20,000 for the new porch – this is a CIL payment from the Borough Council.

The new signs directing people to the Village Hall have been approved by Highways. Mr Signs has sent an example of the sign to Will. He agreed the design and asked for a quote, but at the time of meeting the quote had not been received.

A warning sign is now in place on the faulty window at the rear of the hall.

There have been some concerns that the sound sensor in the ceiling is not working correctly – it was agreed to arrange to get it tested.

The process of arranging for someone to come and inspect the floor to see what may need doing to repair / preserve it is ongoing.

The roof shingles have been inspected by drone. The top shingles were found to be loose, with some open to the elements. This will need further investigation by a professional. It was suggested that a National Lottery grant could be pursued to help fund this.

4) **Updates from Sub-Committees.**

Finance.

Wendy reported that finances are very healthy. There are lots of bookings for the hall and we have received a grant for the Christmas Fair. We have also received a donation from Borough Councilor Nockolds.

Maintenance

The storage lockers at the rear of the hall are still ongoing.

A hirer of the hall had turned off all heaters at the wall when leaving, causing there to be no heat for subsequent hires. The switches have now been replaced with fused spurs to prevent this happening again.

Events, Bookings and Future events

Recent events have been successful. The Indian night raised £115 and the Village Market raised £176.50.

We have a grant for the Christmas fair, which will pay for a range of activities such as singers, a band, owls and reindeer. There will be Christmas Trees available – we have arranged to get these on a sale or return basis.

The Mayor is confirmed as coming to the Christmas fair.

On the day of the fair, a free bus will be running to the Village Hall from Castle Rising and from South Wootton (near Asda).

Leaflets advertising the fair have been printed and will be delivered by committee members. Banners are being printed.

There are 3 wreath making workshops arranged and these are all fully booked. Another workshop will be held at Wyndham Hall.

There is also going to be a sugar craft workshop.

Antony asked if we could purchase more blue chairs – this was agreed. We are also looking to purchase 3 more tables.

The committee agreed to the purchase of 3 pop-up gazebos. Will is going to look into getting a grant to help finance this.

There had been discussion regarding a Warm Hub at the hall. It was agreed to suggest to the church that they may like to pursue this.

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AOB

There is to be a maintenance day on the 12th November. This will focus on trimming hedges at rear and sides of the hall.

Date of the next meeting: Thursday 15th December at 7pm

Meeting concluded at 20:15