

North Wootton Village Hall Management Committee

Meeting 16th February 2023

Apologies: Kerry, Bob, Bridget, Fiona

Attendees: Dennis Bishop (Chairman) Neil Pearce (Secretary) Wendy Border (Treasurer/Bookings) Antony Lamb (Events) Doreen Taylor, Colin Smith, Will Border, Jason Harper, Sarah Simmonds, Rachel Williamson, Pauline Marshall-Grint, John Marshall-Grint, Kip Baker.

- 1 Approval of minutes by Dennis of the previous committee meeting on January 12th 2023.

2 Matters Arising

Dennis welcomed new members Kip, Rachel & Pauline to the committee.

Regarding the new locks for the porch-Bob to distribute to those that need them.

One of the storage lockers at the rear of the hall has been completed, with the other one expected to be finished in the near future.

Will has confirmed that the grant money has been received for the new porch.

Dennis has sent a letter to thank Wayne Skipper for his work in drawing up the plans for the porch.

Dennis explained that after a drone was sent up recently to inspect the roof it was noted that some of the cedar shingles are loose. It was agreed we need a full survey to determine the full extent of this and potentially what repairs need to be undertaken.

It was also agreed that at some point in the future that the floor inside the hall will need some attention. It was suggested though that the roof is the priority.

3 Updates from sub-committees

Financial Report

Wendy handed out copies of the annual financial figures. Within this she highlighted the healthy state of the finances aided by several grants received, but also the continued and increased revenue gained from our regular events and hirers. Wendy also confirmed that the money from the grant for the porch has been gratefully received.

We are in the process of renegotiating our electricity contract. It is likely in the current climate that this will cost considerably more than the present one, however we are looking into the best options available.

Maintenance Report

Bob was not present at the meeting. However, it was reiterated that one of the storage units at the rear of the hall has been completed. Bob to update all projects at the next meeting.

Events

Antony reminded everyone that the Village Market takes place on the coming Saturday (18th Feb) and help setting up on Friday afternoon would be appreciated. He also explained that we have several stalls returning so the market is expected to be bigger and busier than January's.

Bookings

Wendy remarked that bookings are still vibrant, with three parties booked for the following weekend alone. We continue to receive numerous bookings and enquiries for the hall.

4 AOB

Sarah enquired if anyone had any unwanted gifts or other items that they were willing to donate for the raffle and tombola. All members to follow up.

Wendy said we need a new plastic storage tub and will purchase.

Doreen said that Tesco Express have been consistently supportive of the village hall and have offered to supply some goods to the hall. Dennis asked Doreen to pass on our thanks to them on behalf of the management committee.

We need designated disabled parking at the front of the hall. Will to look into some signs for this. This means that we will be complying with the terms of the grant for the porch.

The question was raised as to whether our De-Fib is registered. The committee will ask Bob to confirm.

Will has applied to get a small grant to get a plaque for the hall to commemorate the upcoming King's Coronation. This will cost in the region of £200.

Jason stated that the website needs attention and that we may need to get some professional help and advice, or even employ someone to do it for us. Feedback at the next meeting from Dennis.

Date of the next meeting:

Thursday 16th March at 7pm

Meeting concluded at 20:00

