

North Wootton Village Hall Management Committee

Meeting 8th June 2023

Apologies: Rachel, Doreen.

Attendees: Dennis Blackmore (Chairman) Neil Pearce (Secretary) Wendy Border (Finance & Bookings) Antony Lamb (Events) Bob Angel (Maintenance) Bridget Nurse, Colin Smith, Will Border, Jason Harper, Sarah Simmonds, Kip Baker, Kerry Taylor, John Marshall-Grint, Pauline Marshall-Grint, Fiona Rippon.

- 1 Approval of minutes by Dennis of the previous committee meeting on 6th April 2023.

2. Matters Arising

None.

3. Updates from sub-committees

Financial Report

Wendy reported that finances are still in a very healthy position, with a particularly good previous month with over £3,000 income.

We have moved into a deposit account from our previous current account with a more competitive interest rate.

Our VH mobile phone contract has increased from £6 to £7 a month.

Maintenance Report

Bob reported that the maintenance day went ahead and was very productive. Various tasks were completed including the complete wood-staining of the village hall exterior.

Bob to liaise with Wendy regarding the security code change.

Roof repairs: Bob explained he has been attempting to source a roofer experienced in dealing with cedar shingles. Bridget offered to see if she knows anyone through her building trade contacts. Ideally the roof needs to be repaired by October at the latest prior to the winter.

Bob thanked Colin who has been coming over to the hall periodically to keep on top of the weeding around the outside of the hall.

Bob confirmed that the De-Fib has now been registered and he has received a confirmation letter regarding this.

We still need a moveable disabled parking sign. Will to look into and report back for the next meeting.

Events

Antony thanked everyone for their help in making the recent Coronation event the resounding success it was. We have also had a Bingo evening since the last meeting.

Antony reminded all present that the Wootton Park 'Picnic in the Park' is taking place this coming Saturday (10th June) and that the VH will be represented by a coconut shy. Antony requested whether anyone was willing to volunteer to help. Dennis, Fiona and Bob offered their services.

It was agreed by the committee that at any future large events we may need to have better control over the free food offered. It was noticeable that many missed out (especially the committee members themselves)

due to it becoming a bit of a 'free-for-all'. It was agreed that next time we shall endeavor to engage in better portion control so that no-one misses out.

On behalf of the committee Dennis thanked Jason for his donation of his homemade crafted 'Coronation Beer' to the event.

Bookings

Wendy explained that bookings are still very healthy from both regular and one-off hirers. We have another regular hirer-'Birth Happy Club', who will be hosting classes every Tuesday from July.

4. AOB

It was suggested by Bob that perhaps the committee would be interested in hosting a small gathering/event for ourselves in the form of a BBQ and drinks, perhaps after one of the upcoming VH markets as a little reward for everybody's contributions. All agreed this was a great idea. A date TBC.

Sarah informed the committee that Antony has been chosen to be the recipient of a 'Community Champion Award from the Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk for his contributions and hard work in organizing events for the village of North Wootton. All the committee applauded Antony for all his efforts.

Date of the next meeting:

Thursday 3rd of August at 7pm

We will have our annual AGM on the same evening which will precede the regular meeting. This will be advertised through the website and notice boards and members of the public will be invited to attend.

The Chairman, Secretary, Finance Officer and Maintenance officer will be making individual reports for the AGM.

Meeting concluded at 20:20.

Chairman's Signature: