North Wootton Village Hall Management Committee AGM Meeting Thursday 14th September 2023 7pm

Apologies: Bridget, Bob, Colin, John, Pauline, Kerry, Doreen, Fiona, Jim.

<u>Attendees:</u> Dennis Bishop (Chairman) Neil Pearce (Secretary) Wendy Border (Treasurer/Bookings) Antony Lamb (Events) Will Border, Jason Harper, Kip Baker, Sarah Simmonds, Rachel Williamson.

1 Approval of minutes by Dennis of the previous meeting held on 8th June 2023.

2 Matters Arising

We have had two quotes submitted for repair work for the roof.

It was agreed to approve Jarvis Roofing to look at the roof and price up the work needed.

The disabled parking sign has arrived and will be put in place for users of the hall.

It was suggested and agreed that we should have a social gathering of all committee members and their partners after the meeting just prior to Christmas.

3 Updates from Sub-Committee's

Financial

Wendy handed out copies of the latest financial figures. Within this she highlighted the healthy state of the finances aided by the continued and increased revenue gained from our regular events and hirers. Bookings have again been on the up and we are already taking bookings for 2024.

Wendy remarked that the VH continues to offer remarkable value to regular hirers and those wishing to host one-off events.

Wendy stated that our insurance is now set for renewal.

We have received £75 from our bank as way of an apology for the lengthy waiting time for setting up a third signatory.

Maintenance

In Bob's absence Wendy highlighted a few jobs that needed doing, including a toilet seat that needs replacing.

It was agreed to get a quote in to have the interior of the hall painted. As funds are very good it was agreed it would be far easier and swifter to pay a contractor to undertake the work.

Bookings

This was mostly covered in Wendy's financial report, but she reiterated that bookings and interest in hiring the hall remains very strong.

Events

Antony reminded everyone of the market on Saturday 16th September and asked if members could help set up on Friday evening.

We have several new stalls including a butcher, Vegan butcher, Veg stall and a fishmonger. The flower stall will be returning in November.

The Indian Night in October has virtually sold out.

With the Christmas Fair scheduled for the start of December Antony asked if people would be willing to donate prizes for the Tombola & raffle, particularly Bottles, boxes and packets.

For the Christmas Fair Antony said that the elves will be returning along with a Christmas sledge, and hopefully a Father Christmas (if anyone is volunteering).

AOB

Dennis has purchased some 'real coffee' from Tropical Coffee so will be available for the upcoming market.

Wendy stated that South Wootton VH had been politely enquiring about our pricing structure for our hirers. It was agreed we will not at present be raising our prices as we are known for our reasonable fees and is one of the many reasons we are so popular with the public.

Next Meeting

Thursday 9th November at 7pm

Meeting concluded at 20:09