

North Wootton Village Hall Management Committee

Meeting Thursday 8th February 2024

Apologies: Doreen, Bridget & Antony.

Attendees: Dennis Blackmore (Chairman), Neil Pearce (Secretary), Wendy Border (Treasurer/Bookings), Bob Angell (Maintenance), Will Border, Jason Harper, Kip Baker, Rachel Williamson, Colin Smith, John & Pauline Marshall-Grint.

Agenda

1-Approval of the minutes 9th November 2023.

Dennis (Chairman) checked the previous minutes and signed off and approved.

2-Matters Arising.

Bridget has spoken to a roofing contractor regarding the VH roof inspection and possible repairs needed. It was agreed to do this when the weather improves in the spring.

A 'Race Night' had provisionally been booked in for the 22nd March. This however will now be moved to a later date. (TBC).

Bob suggested some weeding needs doing around the VH. It was agreed this will be done on the day of the next VH market (17th February).

The interior painting of the VH has now been completed. However some lacquering of the rails and skirting boards will also need to be done on a date TBC.

3-Updates from Sub-Committees.

Finance.

Wendy handed out the financial figures for year end (2023), which show another strong performance for the last financial year. Interest in the VH and bookings and regular income from the groups that hire the VH regularly remain buoyant.

The committee thanked Wendy for her continued hard work in organising our finances which continue to grow healthier year upon year.

Wendy remarked that the Bingo Evenings remain popular with an average attendance of 34 and a high of an incredible 66 back in November. Takings from these totalled £2,214.

Maintenance

As previously mentioned, Bob confirmed the painter & decorator will return to finish off the internal rails and skirting boards at a date TBC.

The external VH Notice board will be put into place shortly and will be in a more visible location for drivers parking on the shingle to avoid.

Events

Antony sent apologies for being unable to attend the meeting and will provide an update at the next meeting.

Bookings

Bookings continue to remain very strong, with the VH being very popular for children's parties in particular, partly due to the fact that we remain one of the few venues that are 'Bouncy Castle friendly'. Sunday's remain very popular for these type of events.

Jason will be helping to set up an improved VH website with a real time Google Calendar, which will enable prospective hirers to view the availability of dates for booking the VH facilities.

4-AOB

The committee briefly discussed options for restoration or replacement of the wooden floor in the VH. It was agreed to seek the advice of some flooring specialists to access the most viable and cost effective option. Bob to contact Reeve Flooring and report back for the next meeting.

Wendy reported a slight increase in our payments after the insurance renewal for the VH.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday April 18th at 7pm.

Meeting concluded at 19:44.