

North Wootton Village Hall Management Committee.

Meeting-13/8/26

Agenda

Apologies: Antony, Zehra, Anne, John & Pauline, Colin.

Attendees:

Dennis Blackmore (Chairman)

Neil Pearce (Secretary)

Wendy Border (Finance & Bookings)

Will Border

Lucy Lemon

Rachel Williamson

Jason Harper

Kip Baker

Anne Winson

Cedric Daniels (New Committee member)

Approval of previous Minutes.

Dennis (Chairman) put forward and approved the previous meeting minutes.

Matters Arising.

Dennis welcomed new committee member Cedric Daniels to the team. Dennis also thanked the three members who have stepped down from the committee recently-

Bridget, Bob & Doreen, for all their hard work over the last nine years. All were original members of the committee which took over the management of the VH back in 2017 and their hard work and dedication have been instrumental to the continued success of the VH.

It was reported by Will that the hedge cutting has been completed up to the fence. The remainder of the work is scheduled to be done in September. Will to update progress at the next meeting.

There followed a lengthy debate amongst the committee concerning the proposed new shed at the rear of the hall. Several members disputed whether we require such a large construction at the rear of the hall, and whether it will cause access issues. After more discussion it was put to a vote as to whether we should go ahead after all, and the majority vote was that we should not proceed. As the shed has already been purchased it was agreed we should sell this to regain as much of our outlay as possible.

Wendy reported that our insurance needs renewing in December. She is already sourcing suitable quotes for next year and will report to the committee when these are forthcoming.

We have received one quote regarding the proposed installation of air-conditioning in the VH. This was from 4Way Group Ltd. No other quotes have come forward yet, but Dennis will continue to contact others for further quotes and update at the next meeting.

‘Friends of the Village Hall’. Following on from our advertisement for volunteers to assist at VH markets and other events, 6 people have signed up so far.

Finance/Bookings Report.

Wendy reported that it has been another good month financially for the VH. We have, however, had a couple of bills to pay out for recently, these being for the Fire Alarm and for the tree surgeon. We have also made a £1,500 donation in support of the local scout hut. Bookings and income remain good, and our financial position remains very healthy with our recent pricing restructuring expected to boost our income further. Wendy also reported that we have a gentleman interested in hosting art

classes on a monthly basis at the VH and she will be meeting with him to arrange details. Wendy to report back at the next meeting.

Maintenance report.

Nothing major to report, although Will did point out that we will need to clean the cobwebs from the outside of the building. The shed proposal was discussed at length in matters arising.

Events Report.

In Antony's absence the chairman read out a statement from him asking for volunteers to help set up in preparation for the VH market on Saturday 15th August. It was agreed that those members available will meet up on Friday (14th August) at 4pm to set up tables and chairs.

AOB

Wendy asked if we could advertise the Bingo more to increase interest. It was agreed that Jason would advertise through the VH website and if possible other social media outlets. Neil agreed to provide food items for a hamper for each Bingo Evening.

Meeting concluded at 20:00.

Date of Next Meeting.

Thursday 10th September at 7pm.