North Wootton Village Hall Management Committee.

Meeting-08/10/26

Agenda

Apologies: Jason, John & Pauline, Will & Wendy, Anne, Colin.

Attendees:

Dennis Blackmore (Chairman)

Neil Pearce (Secretary)

Antony Lamb (Events Co-Ordinator)

Lucy Lemon

Rachel Williamson

Kip Baker

Zehra Elphick

Cedric Daniels

Approval of previous Minutes.

Dennis (Chairman) put forward and approved the previous meeting minutes. The previous months AGM Minutes were also approved.

Matters Arising.

It was proposed by the chairman that Cedric Daniels takes on the role of the vacant position of Maintenance Co-Ordinator/Officer. This was seconded by Kip Baker. A vote was conducted and it was unanimous in favour of this motion. Cedric accepted

and he was duly elected. The committee welcomed Cedric to the role and wished him the best of luck in his new position.

No other matters arising.

Finance Report.

In Wendy's absence Dennis reported that our finances continue to show we are in a healthy position. Wendy will update in full at the next meeting.

Maintenance report.

Cedric reported that in regard to the proposal for having air-con and solar panels fitted at the VH, one company is able to do both (4-Way). Cedric will put together a presentation for the next meeting outlining and explaining everything that is proposed. A final decision will then be made at the meeting.

Regarding the proposal to have concrete laid at the front of the VH Cedric will contact the previous Maintenance officer Bob Angell and get details. He will also contact Bridget Nurse from Nurse Builders to discuss timescales for having this work completed. He will give an update for the next meeting.

A discussion took place about whether we should reconsider our decision not to erect the storage shed at the rear of the hall. It was suggested that we could possibly put it on the opposite side than was originally agreed. An update and decision will be made at the next meeting.

Events Report.

Antony reported that the last VH market made a profit of £375.36. Antony said that it was a slower market than usual with slightly less footfall. It was noted that we require some extra weights for securing the tents that cover our outside stalls and that Antony will investigate purchasing some more. A grant for the Christmas Fayre has been applied for via the Parish Council. The committee members, that also sit on the PC, have conveyed our thanks to them, and also thanks to Cllr Simon Ring for endorsing the application.

The next VH market is on 17th October and Antony asked politely if we could have the usual help to set up. Antony reported that serious preparations for this year's Christmas Fayre are well under way and asked if any committee members are willing

and able to donate prizes for the raffle and tombola. Everything has been booked for the Fayre and plans are going well. We will be selling special commemorative mugs again. We will have carol singers, and the vicar will be attending. It was agreed after discussion that we will purchase a large Christmas tree to have positioned outside the VH.

Bookings.

In Wendy's absence a full update will be given upon her return at the next meeting. It was noted that the next Bingo evening is on the 29th October.

AOB

Zehra raised the question of whether members of the committee require a 'Safeguarding Policy'? Several of our members are already fully trained in this. However, Zehra has agreed to investigate this and to update at the next meeting.

Zehra has set up a WhatsApp group for 'Friends of the Village Hall' and has added committee members. The group is intended to attract people who wish to volunteer at events and is a way of updating and keeping in contact with them so that they can let us know when they are available to help at events.

No other business was discussed.

Meeting concluded at 20:00.

Date of Next Meeting.

Thursday 12th November at 7pm.