

East Farndon Village Hall
Committee meeting
Thursday 11th May 2023
7.45pm

MINUTES

Apologies:

Teresa White, John Duke, Elaine Pepler, Carly Jeanneret, Paul Jeanneret

Present:

Laurel Curtis, Paul Hodgetts, Joanna Shaw, Anthea Bartram, Jess Oakden, Sam Beesley

Guests Sian Ellis and Teresa Lee

Previous minutes review and agreement:

Actions review:

- Discretionary rates relief: this is still in process with Daventry council and rate payments have been frozen until the documents we sent in are processed. JS to chase up.
- Bookings secretary as a signatory for bank account- this is in process via online banking.
- Increasing cleaning hours: feedback from EP was that at the moment this wasn't necessary. Any problems going forward are to be referred to Jo/Sam to tell the cleaner.
- Paint damage: A tub of the correct colour of paint has been found. PH to check the match and patch up areas of damage below dado rail. We decided to review the state of wall at the end of the year- and possibly paint the lower section a different (darker) colour.
- Certificate for fire extinguisher checks has been received.

Last months's minutes were read out and agreed.

Finance:

- Treasurer's report: A provisional budget 2023-24 has been submitted. We are awaiting this month's report from the Treasurer- tbc at next meeting.
- Budget: Hall hire projections- these include a conservative estimate of future hires. Electricity: an assumption of a 30% rise in November had been priced in. Repairs are now down, as most fabric and fixtures are up to date. Sundry costs include the dishwasher purchase, and hire of the generator for the late Queen's Jubilee.
- Hall hire rates- we agreed to hold hire rates but review them by next AGM.

- There followed a discussion of use of cash reserves and balance: We have been advised of a possible grant from Daventry for refurbishment. We intend to apply, but are informally advised that we are unlikely to receive further grants due to our cash reserves.
- What should be reserve and what should be spent? We agreed the priorities should be solar, and energy efficient lighting. We will apply by the end of May for a grant to get solar and new lighting. At the July/August meeting we intend to vote to go ahead with solar first, and lighting next.

Fabric and facilities:

- Gas barbecue for VH: This was discussed but it was decided that it was too large a purchase for one or two events annually. PH kindly offered to lend his barbecue for the August BBQ event.
- Fire safety lighting check- we now have adequate signage for emergencies at doors and lights. A muster point sign needs to be erected in car park (JS and PH to action). JS to perform safety lighting checks monthly to ensure compliance.
- Plastic glasses: 48 purchased- for £98.90 24 pint and 24 half pint. These are fully dishwashable and recyclable.

Events etc: (see attached social committee report)

- Coronation Lunch (8th May) was really well supported. All ages represented.
- Time capsule box: location to be discussed at further meeting.
- Dates for 2023 events were decided and flyers had been printed and distributed around the village.
- 100 mile cycle- time to be be circulated via village Whatsapp. BYO beer and pizzas. Photos are requested for the website.
- War Memorial fund Quiz night 16th June- no TEN. BYO, £5 a ticket, no obligation to help from VH committee. (not a VH promotion)
- LC would help ensure the website is updated to reflect upcoming events.

Other issues and actions:

- New members enquiries: we welcomed enquiries from several villagers who offered to be involved as either Trustees or volunteers.

AOB: none.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 20th July 7.45pm (JS to check hall is free)

Meeting closed 8.30pm.