

**East Farndon Village Hall**  
**Committee meeting**  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
**7.45pm**

**MINUTES**

**Apologies:**

Anthea Bartram, Elaine Pepler, Sam Beesley, Teresa White, Jess Oakden

**Present:**

Paul Hodgetts, John Duke, (via Zoom: Joanna Shaw, Rosie O'Connell, Laurel Curtis)

**Previous minutes review and agreement:**

The minutes from the September meeting were agreed by all present.

**Actions review:**

PH has completed repainting

JS quotes for push taps- outstanding

PH has provided laminated sign for piano

SB laminated notice of hall hire fees for noticeboard- outstanding

SB bin repainting- outstanding

EP provided list of keyholders (copy held by JS)

JS has submitted completed EICR to insurers

JS sent thank you card after funeral tea donation

JO provided freezer price comparisons

**Finance:**

- Treasurer's report (attached). The MH building society and Unity Trust bank accounts have now been updated with three signatories (PH, JD, JS)

**Fabric and facilities:**

- Key box- this was currently deemed unnecessary due to committee keyholders receiving spare keys (EP to verify)
- Freezer- a table of price comparisons was provided by JO. JS offered to buy a small freestanding freezer and lend it to the VH for events as necessary. To be reviewed next year.
- EICR- this has now been satisfactorily completed, after essential rewiring work was done by BRM. The insurance company has now been issued with the updated EICR and are satisfied that the work is compliant with their regulations.
- Solar panels installation (quote presentation): PH presented a detailed analysis of comparisons based on capacity, age of units, generating capacity and installation costs. He put forward a recommendation of EON, which was accepted subject to a review of all the quotes by the committee. Unless there are any objections by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, PH will contact EON to send a

surveyor for a final review of the property and revision of the quote and if the quote still stands, it will be accepted and work commissioned.

- Paint for VH internal walls- PH recommended buying a large tin of magnolia paint for regular touchups of the wall paint. This was agreed.

#### **Events etc:**

- Social committee report –
  - Curry night 19<sup>th</sup> November: TEN in place. A bingo machine provided by Teresa Lee. 32 tickets sold so far- cutoff date is 10<sup>th</sup> November for tickets. There will be no raffle. Tom Oakden to be bingo caller.
  - Christmas Soiree: Free entry. LC to ask JS for a TEN application if necessary. Live music flute and piano, mince pies and decorations.
  - SB asked if we could suggest phone numbers to her of people who wished to be added to the WhatsApp group for village information- also plea to go out on website (LC) and next parish magazine (PH)
- Other upcoming events
  - Halloween- not a VH promotion, but taking place in the VH organised by CJ and Chloe Wright. Trick or Treating in the village.
  - Christmas Village house decoration event- this year the theme will be “Snowflakes and Stars”. Promotion via website and WhatsApp group.
- Touring pantomime
  - LOLTheatre company had contacted EP offering a slot for their pantomime tour of Aladdin in December. RO said it was already booked in Clipston on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, so we decided to investigate for next year (JS to contact)
- Film nights feedback
  - Good attendance at recent event on 11<sup>th</sup> October (32 tickets sold £224 total, Cost of film £140: £84 profit.) £140 taken in cash plus £84 from card machine. Attendees came from Harborough, Marston, Lubenham and Sibbertoft as well as East Farndon. Suggestion of market research questionnaires to be prepared for the next event as to the next film choices for audiences present in order to assess best titles for the audiences likely to come. JS to prepare.

#### **Other issues and actions:**

##### **AOB:**

LC mentioned that the cleaning rota recently hadn't been working as no-one had reported cleaning issues and refilled supplies for the last couple of months. JS to add revisiting extending cleaning hours to the next meeting agenda and to reissue the rota.

##### **Date of next meeting:**

*Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 7.45pm*