

East Farndon Village Hall
Committee meeting
Thursday 9th November 2023
7.45pm

MINUTES

Apologies:

Sam Beesley, Paul Jeanneret, Carly Jeanneret, Elaine Pepler, Rosie O'Connor

Present:

Paul Hodgetts, Jess Oakden, Anthea Bartram, Laurel Curtis, John Duke, Teresa White, Joanna Shaw

Previous minutes review and agreement:

The previous meeting's minutes were read out and agreed.

Actions review:

All actions completed except:

PH to buy paint for VH

SB to paint bin?

JS to offer venue to pantomime theatre group for next year

JS to buy freezer

Finance:

- Treasurer's report (attached)

The current situation is that we still have a reasonable buffer after paying for the solar panels. Income is steady.

Market Harborough BS is proving problematic in moving signatories over- we discussed moving the account to an internet bank account in future for ease of access.

Fabric and facilities:

- Solar panels update: EON were not able to provide the service for the quote price offered due to having to charge VAT. We have now committed to go with Rutland Renewables, subject to the meter being an export meter rather than import. This allows us to measure the amount of electricity we can sell back to the grid. The quote is slightly cheaper than the original so we will have some funds left over for heating and lighting replacement etc.
- Tap replacement: This has been completed by Tony White. Many thanks were expressed by the committee for his time and effort in doing this task.
- Extension of cleaning hours: JS to ask SB to increase cleaner's hours to 2 hrs pw, preferably spread over the week.

Events etc:

- Social committee report (see below)
- Upcoming events
 - **Curry Night:** Cinnamon Lounge suggested 2 big vats to be provided. We would prefer individual portions- LC to ask if that could be provided. Drink has been bought. Setup to be done from 3pm on the day. 55 tickets sold. Felt tip pens needed- if anyone could bring some that would be appreciated.
 - **Christmas Soiree** Sat 9th December. Complimentary mulled wine and mince pies, music provided by JS (TEN needed-PH agreed to apply)
 - **Chinese New Year:** provisionally 10th February 2024.
- Film nights feedback: our inaugural event was well attended, with £84 profit. The next Marston event was less well attended. We agreed on audience feedback questions, with JS to print questionnaires for the next event and a copy to be put onto the website.
- A query was made concerning fundraising via events held in the VH: These can be held here, but they can't be village hall promotions.

Other issues and actions:

** Update: the clock is broken. JS is currently looking into getting an electrician to fix this.*

AOB:

LC has bought a lock for the storage cupboard where event stores are kept.
Remembrance Event to be held in VH 12th November: Cake donations welcomed.
JS/PH to open up at 9.30 to set up display.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 7th December 7.45pm

Meeting closed 8.30pm