

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2019

PRESENT

Chris Thompson (Chair) Sheila Charlton (Secretary) Ian Stewart (Treasurer) Jo Angear Joyce Burt Bryan Naish and Rhys Clatworthy

APOLOGIES Karena Mayhew

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH JANUARY 2019

The Minutes having been circulated were signed as a true record of that meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

It was agreed now that the new cooker had been installed that the cabling be boxed in.

TREASURER'S REPORT

January	Income	£3,159.00	Expenditure	£42016.69
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Business Stream to adjust sewage bill.

Recycling Partnership (waste) is introducing a charge of £35.09 with a weight charge every time they do a collection - every 14 days. To date we have been charged £16.90. It may be necessary to add a charge for large events using the hall. It was agreed that Rhys and Ian monitor the charges for February.

The treasurer has asked Nick Porter to contact Basement Pumps to arrange a survey on our pumps.

Our grant from Herstmonceux Parish Council has been agreed and we should receive the £2,500 at the end of the month. Treasurer to let Secretary know when this is received so that a thank you letter may be sent..

CARETAKER'S REPORT

Bookings

2019 The value of bookings at the end of January were £39,264. There has been an increase of the month £2819.00 and £924 up on the same time last year.

2020 The booking value £871. The caretaker will be including provisional bookings for the regular users quite soon.

Electricity Usage over the last 4 -week period was £1253.15 this is £208.06 up on the previous 4 -weeks

Maintenance

Fire Shutters in the kitchen have been serviced.

Action

- Certificate for 3 phase installaion has been received. (THIS HAS BEEN PUT IN THE HEALTH &

Safety file with buiding plansv etc)

- New cooker has been installed
- One gate on the patio has been installed - awaiting the second
- Calor contract to be terminated

Waste disposal - Normal

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This to be put on the March agenda.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 11th March 2019

The Secretary asked whether the present committee members would be standing at the AGM a affirmative reply was received! Notification to be sent to all hall users as well as advertising the event. The Chairman stated that there would be a short meeting after the AGM

FUTURE GATHERINGS

Jo had spoken about the success of the 11th November gathering and it was felt it would be beneficial for further gatherings to be organised. After discussion it was agreed that a WI Cream Tea could be laid on around the 6th June (w/e before 1st/2nd June or after 8th/9th June) Left to Ian to check with WI and report back at the next meeting. Also included in this event could be Rose Page and a singalong.

The concept of having a Community Film Night was discussed - contact Engage South East. Ian was asked to make enquiries and report back at the next meeting.

FUND RAISING FOR 2019

It was agreed that the last Race Evening be replicated again in conjunction with HATS as before. Saturday 27th April had been booked although Chris mentioned that Clare (HATS) had not been able to contact the man who had previously run last year's evening. As soon as Chris hears anything he would inform the Secretary for her to do a round robin to everyone.

It was agreed that we organise a Quiz in the autumn - Friday 11th October 2019. Rhys to inform Sheila whether this date is available.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Sheila had obtained a quote from SS Flooring regarding the replacement of the stage floor. This had been circulated to members. It was left that the Secretary write to the Mrs A Lacy Tate Trust asking for a grant from the trust to have this work carried out. If not successful, then we would ask the Parish Council for a grant later in the year.

Bryan had recently visited Heathfield Village Hall and had seen a Battery Recycling Box which he felt the Village Hall too could have. He has the telephone number and would report back at the next meeting Also they had hand sanitise pumps - left to Ian to persue the matter further

Jo brought up the subject of the car parking arrangements (12) we have with the builders which on

occasions seemed to be abused. - On one occasion 29 vehicles from the building site were using our car park. Ian and Rhys every week look at the hall bookings and decide whether alternative arrangements be made for visiting. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the builders stating our concerns that the arrangements made were being abused. This letter to be circulated to Chris and Ian for alterations/amendments before being sent.

Jo mentioned that the plants at the village hall had seen better days and felt that they should be removed. Agreed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 11th March 2019 after the 7.30 pm Annual General Meeting on that day.