

**MINUTES OF THE HERSTMONCEUX VILLAGE HALL  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD  
ON MONDAY 10TH MAY 2021 VIA ZOOM**

**PRESENT** Chris Thompson Sheila Charlton Ian Stewart Liz Ford Nic Porter Sue Wicks Lisa Taplin Karena Mayhew

**APOLOGIES** Jo Angear

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22ND MARCH 2020**

After three amendments were made to the right spelling of members' names the Minutes were accepted by those present as a true record of that meeting, having been circulated to members before the meeting.

**MATTERS ARISING**

None as subject matters outstanding would be covered in the meeting

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

To keep a record of our treasurer's reports, which have been previously circulated to members, these are included in these minutes

**March 2021**

**Income** £10.00

**Expenditure** £2840.90

This month paid for all the reports, plumbing and the new sewage pump hence increased expenditure.

We have ended the pandemic year with £23,461.93 in the bank so we have survived well. We have not quite spent all of the £10,000 grant we received.

The future

On the 1<sup>st</sup> April we should have received into our bank the £3,000 grant from Wealden District Council.

Hopefully with the help of Airc and WDC five more Government grants may have been secured. A bit bizarre as the grants have been approved by the approval message which merely says that subject to bank checks (to make sure we are not scammers or fraudsters) the money will be in our account by 5<sup>th</sup> April. No sums were specified other than the sum of £333.57. We need at our May meeting to decide what to do with the money (if it is there!)

Obviously the main kitchen shutters are top of the list. The basic cost of these in February 2020 was £4,288.80. I am checking that this is still valid with Syston and in addition there will be the cost of any electricity supply needed and the fire alarm connections. These would I imagine bring the eventual total cost between £5000 and £6000.

We also need to decide what if anything to do with the balance of the monies and for this reason I am sending this message now in my short March report so we can have think about what to do with the money

### **April report**

Not much to report other than the extremely good news that we received the £3,000 CDC grant on 1<sup>st</sup> April and the other Government Leisure support grants.

I am endeavouring to get a final costs on the shutter replacement in time for Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> May but if anyone has any ideas on other works for the hall please let us know and I will try and get costings

I am pleased to say that a number of users have restarted in accordance with rules and others are considering restarting albeit mostly now in the September time

### **HALL UPDATES**

The fence behind the bus shelter has not been done but contact again will be made to remind the contractor to do this.

After discussion it was decided by members not to reinstate the hall sign.

Ian would like to pursue the updating of the computer and ancillary facilities. It was agreed that Ian contact the Parish Clerk to obtain details of a Hastings company that would be able to help in this matter and report back.

Karena thanked Ian on behalf of the committee for all the time he has spent in keeping the village hall running. Ian made mention that without the advice and information from AirS he would not have been able to apply for the Government grants.

Ian is asking hirers for the time being to keep a record of their hours of using the hall and letting him have this information so he can invoice them accordingly. This plan will only continue until September.

Now that Tiddlers and Toddlers are back on Wednesdays, the hours of our cleaner will be increased accordingly.

### **HALL CARETAKER/MANAGER – DISCUSSION**

It was agreed that this matter be placed on the June agenda as the Chairman felt that it would be easier to discuss thus matter at our next meeting which will actually be taking place in the village hall. In the meantime the Secretary would circulate members of the job description which was used to advertise the position in the past.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was agreed by the committee that an order be placed with Syston to replace the shutters together with the services of Fusion (£85.00 first hour then £200) and Michael Davies (£250.00) to complete the shutter installation. All in all the cost would be between £5000 and £6000.

Although Sue Wicks had recently offered to buy a defib (through her mother's legacy) for the village hall it was felt with the government grants hopefully coming through that the village hall could stand the cost. Enquiries would be made of the Parish Clerk as to up to date costings and report back.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 6.00 pm in the village hall.