

**MINUTES OF THE HERSTMONCEUX VILLAGE HALL
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD
ON MONDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2021 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT Chris Thompson (Chairperson), Ian Stewart (Treasurer), Sheila Charlton (Secretary)
Bryan Naish, Nick Porter, Jo Angear and Sue Wicks

APOLOGIES Karena Mayhew Liz Ford and Lisa Taplin

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26TH JULY 2021

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. It was felt that storage at the moment was an issue. Discussion followed. the outcome of which was to monitor closely the situation and report back.

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 2021

Income £2111.00
Expenditure £2931.14

The major expenditure for the month was the building and contents insurance of £1457.31 – other than that is was just a normal running costs.

It was good to see that income is getting back to “normal” although August is the cruellest month as the Hall is not used so much. Most of the regular users are restarting in September. The only one that may not restart is the Indoor Short Mat Bowls. The treasurer reported that they now have a reduced membership and could not meet the hall hire fees. Ian has said that if they came back to us we would consider offering them a reduced rate for a month or two to see if they could attract new younger membership.

The shutters have now been fitted. They have yet to be connected to alarm system as there was not time to do so on the day but the system is operational. This will be done on 13th August. The new system works well going up and down on the turn of a key (or if there is an electricity cut by using an enormous handle.

Defibrillator – Ian will ask the clerk to the Parish Council for details of supplier and will then obtain the cost for one to be fitted at the hall.

Wealden District Council. Ian has now registered the village hall as charitable status with regard to our rates to them.

August 2021

Income **£2102.00**

Expenditure **£6094.68**

Cash in bank at end of month **£32307.08**

Shutters have now been fitted and connected to fire alarm

Cost –	electrics	£168.78
	Shutters	£5094.00
	Fire people	£232.83
	Total cost	£5405.61

Water - Meter is unreadable. Have complained to water people and they will fit new meter - sometime!

WDC grant - £3,000. Have reported, as required to them, stating that the £3000 has been set against the shutter cost.

Users – mainly restarting. One or two reluctant but most getting on with life.

Surgery – have booked four Saturdays in September for their flu clinics.

Computer – Have contacted James Gallifant and have set up a meeting for Monday 4th October to try to update everything

Business rates – applied for 66% discount. Have received confirmation of this but WDC do not appear to be collecting rates! This is on a standing order monthly payment

Lisa – our cleaner is off due to Covid infection. Have been doing some cleaning. Pre school looking after themselves to clean before school.

Ray Sheldon – Have been able to move them to the main hall. At no extra cost. Pre school are happy to move to the small hall.

Music Bunnies / Luncheon Club. Have been able to rearrange use of the hall.

PPL/PRS Will get in touch with AirS to find out how other village halls are faring

Defibrillator – nothing to report as yet

Rubbish collection - have arranged DD payment and the bin will now be collected twice a month from September

The Chairman and the committee expressed their grateful thanks to Ian Stewart for all the time and effort he has put into keeping the village hall running efficiently.

HALL CARETAKER/MANAGER

Nick having circulated a suggested advert to the committee members which was accepted. It was left to Nick to put the ad on the Herstmonceux Community page

INCREASE HALL CHARGES FOR 2022

After discussion it was agreed that this item be put on the April 2022 Agenda to discuss charges for 2023, as it was felt that users who were coming back would not appreciate an increase at this difficult time in the hall charges for 2022. Mention of this would be made at our AGM in February 2022.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Jo brought up the subject of the state of some of the chairs we have. It was agreed that the matter be further discussed at our next meeting in October.

Also it was agreed that between 20 and 25 be left around the hall walls. However if this causes a problem then we will look at the matter again.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday 11th October 2021 at 6.00 pm in the village hall.