

Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday 25 February 2019

Present:

Committee: Karl Jenkins (Chair) (KJ)
Carolyn Frostwick (Treasurer/Acting Secretary) (CF)
Bill Barrie (BB)
Brian Godfrey (BG)
Lynn Easton (LE)

Members of the Public - Mr David Tuffs (DT), Mrs Rebekah Budenberg (RB), Meriel Godfrey (MG),
Tom Price (TP), Ann Price (AP)

1 Apologies for Absence

Stacey Brindle

Action

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 21 January 2019 had been circulated. It was agreed that the Minutes were a true and correct record of the Meeting. Proposed LE
Seconded BG

Matters arising from the Minutes

3.1 KJ is in the process of obtaining alternative quotes for the tree work and is liaising with the tree warden.

LE reported that the Parish Council had signed a cheque for £500 for the Village Hall but as yet this has not been received. Further consideration is being given in respect of a larger donation to help with the costs of the recent redecorating.

4 Chairman's Report

KJ is still discussing the possibility of raising funds for the Hall with the professional fundraisers involved with a project at the sports club.

4.2 Treasurer's Report

CF reported that the accounts currently show a deficit of £1,024 on ordinary activities. Monday teas are continuing to raise funds every week and the total raised in the current financial year to date is £204.

CF apologised that the circulated accounts were missing the final breakdown of funds.

The total balance across all accounts and cash is £47,792.

This is broken down as follows:-

Defibrillator funds	2,373
Money raised for restoration	19,536
VH reserves – Pledged to restoration fund	15,000
Balance	<u>10,882</u>
Total monies held	<u>£47,792</u>

4.3 Restoration Fund

RB and CF have started working on a new application for HLF funding. The HLF grant system has changed completely but its hoped that the work on the original application will be relevant to the new process.

4.4 Caretaking

Maintenance

- The cleaner is happy with the new sink and other improvements to the chemical store.
- MG now has a good understanding of the boiler controls and the new thermostats on the radiators have improved control of the overall temperature in the Hall and hopefully will make the system more efficient.
- The urinals now flush regularly.
- The doorbell has been fixed
- There is an issue with users leaving lights and other appliances on. It is difficult to control this. There are clear notices in the Hall and it is included in the booking forms.
- RB mentioned that Preschool have added fencing to gaps in the hedge to prevent children gaining access to the brook.

BG advised that he and MG will be away from 15 April to 8th May.

4.5 Bookings

BB advised that access issues raised by the mini yoga class held on Monday afternoons have been resolved. The yoga teacher has asked if she could pay an hourly rate rather than the session rate. After discussion it was agreed that the Hall is not available to let by the hour. Historically it has been let by the session – morning, afternoon and evening. Hourly letting is impossible to control as there are inevitable overruns. Very few events can run exactly to an hour when setting up and clearing away is taken into account. Other Village Halls do charge by the hour but work out more expensive than our session rates. It was agreed that hourly rates are not available. BB will advise the Yoga group.

4.6 Defibrillator

MG confirmed the usual checks had been made. With regard to training, RB advised that 36 residents were trained in 2016 – the first being in April. As the certificates remain valid for 3 years there is a need to arrange further sessions. It was agreed to as SB if she could look into what type of courses are available and obtain some costs.

When the defibrillator was installed a local resident offered to pay for replacement batteries as long as they were living in the Village.

5 Forthcoming Events

So far 13 tables have been booked for the table top sale. CF and LE will serve tea coffee and cakes and biscuits.

The annual plant sale will be held on 11 May 2019. Again, this year it is a joint venture with Bringhurst Primary School.

9 Any Other Business

A Village Hall secretary is still required.

MG advised that she is to clean and tidy the Notice Board.

10 Public Question Time

TP asked if pollarding the ash tree in the adjoining house could be added to the tree surgeons list of works.

11 Date of Next Meeting

Next Meeting Date 18 March at 7:45pm

The AGM will be held on 29 April 2019 at 7:30pm followed by a Committee meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:10pm