

# Minutes of Video Meeting

## Held on

### Monday 18th May 2020

Present:

Committee:

- Karl Jenkins - Chair
- Carolyn Frostwick - Treasurer
- Bill Barrie
- Brian Godfrey
- Steve Howden – Secretary

Members of the Public - Meriel Godfrey, Rebecca Budenberg, Kellie Garner, Karin Goodburn, John Young, Ruth Mitchell (part)

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| <b>1</b>   | <b>Apologies for Absence</b><br>Apologies were received from Lyn Easton   | Action |
| <b>2</b>   | <b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b><br>The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 1 April 2020 were approved and will be electronically signed by the Chair.   |        |
| <b>3</b>   | <b>Matters arising from the Minutes</b>   |        |
| <b>3.1</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-school have provisionally asked to resume on a limited basis from 9th June. The committee provisionally approved the proposed plans on the following basis:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A cleaning plan will be provided to the committee prior to final approval</li> <li>b. Hall will be let exclusively to Pre-school between 9th June and end of term.</li> <li>c. Normal daily hire rate to be applied for the 3 days use per week</li> <li>d. The cleaner will be re-employed; Village Hall will pay for cleaning prior to Pre-school restarting, Pre-school to pay for weekly cleaner visits until end of term.</li> <li>e. Pre-school will also need to be responsible for watering the new tree 2x each week</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | RM     |
| <b>3.2</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government grant of £10,000 received from HDC</li> </ul>   |        |
| <b>3.3</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MG reported that Jamie had quoted here £36 to kill off the tree stump. It was agreed to go ahead with this - still awaiting this to be done</li> </ul>   | MG     |

#### **4.1 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman had no issues to raise that are not covered elsewhere in the Agenda.

#### **4.2 Treasurer's Report**

There is little to report for the first two months of the year. With the hall closed due to the Covid 19 epidemic no bookings have taken place and no income from hire fees received. Utility bills continue to be paid but are much reduced totalling £250 to date. The cleaning contract has been suspended.

Harborough District Council contacted us and advised that as we are registered for business rates we are eligible for a Small Business Grant. CF therefore completed the online application and a grant of £10,000 has been received. This should more that cover the costs of having the Hall closed for several months. Jimmy James of Minerva Fundraising has also lodged several applications for Charitable grants to assist with the loss of income, but to date no claim has been successful. The accounting year ended on 31 March 2020 and the accounts are complete

#### **4.3 Restoration Fund**

Work has started in earnest on applying for grants for Phase 1 of the project. Jimmy partially completed three applications for smaller grants which CF has finalised and posted. Applications for two larger Grants are also in process.

SS-C continues to refine the plans and liaise with the QS, planners and various surveyors so that there will be no unnecessary delays when funds start to come through.

CF has registered with Amazon smile which gives charitable donations to VH based on spend. She suggested others might like to also do this. KG suggested using Easy Fundraising which covers a wider range of purchases, not just Amazon.

#### **4.4 Caretaking**

- KG has donated a Gazebo which is now stored in one of the sheds. This can be made available for use in VH grounds at various events and could also be available for villagers to hire out for garden parties etc
- New Amelanchier tree stake, protective cage fitted. Is being watered 2x each week
- KG offered some additional gardening tools, BG will liaise separately on which items would be welcome
- A partition has been erected FOC to separate tables and chair storage
- Front door bolts have been un-siezed
- All post has been re-directed
- Water systems are being regularly flushed to prevent legionnaires

BG/KG

#### **4.5 Bookings**

- Pre-school provisionally accepted 9 June- 9th July. Await confirmation on whether this is to go ahead
- Tentative bookings can be made for September onwards

#### **4.6 Defibrillator**

- Checks up to date.

#### **5 Forthcoming Events**

11th September - Gin Tasting Evening.

December? - Some form of village celebration post-covid was suggested.

#### **9 Any Other Business**

BG requested and additional garden waste bin be ordered from HDC, this was approved by the committee

#### **10 Public Question Time**

No items this month

#### **11 Date of Next Meeting**

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 17 June 2020 at 7:30pm. This will be a video meeting.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:25pm**

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