

# Minutes of Video Meeting Held on Monday 21st September 2020

Present:

Committee: Brian Godfrey - Chairman

Carolyn Frostwick - Treasurer

Lynn Easton - Parish Council rep.

Steve Howden - Secretary

John Youngs - Bookings Clerk

Karin Goodburn

Kelle Garner

Chloe Shuttlewood

Members of the Public - Meriel Godfrey, Rebecca Budenberg, Becki Howden

#### 1 Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received

Action

# 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 17 Aug 2020 were approved and will be electronically signed by the Chairman.

# 3 Matters arising from the Minutes

3.1 Making VH COVID safe for opening up of the VH for additional users. Brian, Karin and Kelle have formed a working group to handle this. Hand sanitisers ordered are due on Friday, BG/JY will sort out fixing these to the walls. Signage has been looked at and will be sorted out in the coming weeks. Notices have been put onto gates and well.

#### 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

With the Hall remaining closed to the wider public due to the Covid 19 epidemic Only Scouts and Preschool are in session. Additional cleaning is required to meet the Covid 19 guidelines. It was agreed that the Village Hall would pay £40 (+VAT) per week to cover the Monday clean including a contribution to supplies and Scouts and Preschool will meet the balance between them. Thanks to the Government Covid 19 Grant and reduced running costs over the first half of the year the accounts currently show a surplus of £10,500.

Brian mentioned that villagers can also donate to the VH via Amazon Smile/ Harborough Lotto by nominating the VH as their chosen cause/charity.

#### 4.3 Restoration Fund

There has been a disappointing lack of success in our applications for funding. Many grant making bodies are preferring to support Covid 19 affected charities rather than capital projects. The working party meeting later this week are to discuss the best way forward with the coronavirus pandemic continuing to severely affect the fundraising effort. We are now in a position to proceed immediately with Phase 1 of the project once funding is available.

### 4.4 Caretaking

- New gazebo has been put up and used for a couple of events in a
  private garden from which a donation of £100 has been received.
  This was a useful exercise and it is proposed to utilise this resource
  for use only in the VH grounds. Pricing needs to be decided as well
  as terms of hire/publicity and committee members only to put up/take
  down.
- Scouts have requested that floor signs are needed to help with social distancing inside the building. This will be covered in 3.1 above.

#### 4.5 Bookings

- An enquiry has been received for a Wedding next year
- Also a potential new user would like to run a children's sports morning on Friday mornings. This is normally booked by Pilates and we need to check if Pilates intends to return.
- John would like to revamp the booking system and is discussing this with Meriel. He will update committee with proposals for approval shortly.
- John, Brian and Kelle are meeting separately to review the bookings policy.

# 4.6 Defibrillator

- August check completed, new pads and battery fitted. September check to be done.
- Training Brian will talk with Rebekah to find way forward

# 5 Forthcoming Events

Suggestions requested from all committee members for discussion at next meeting

#### 9 Any Other Business

- Insurance policy we are entering the final year of existing agreement.

  Carolyn will circulate the existing agreement
- Steve reported that the Parish Council had been in contact regarding making a £500 donation towards the fencing. Caroline Jack has also raised some funds for the VH which she will arrange to hand over.

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# 10 Public Question Time

No items this month

# 11 Date of Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be on Monday 19 October 2020 at 7:30pm. This will be a video meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:28pm