

Minutes of Video Meeting Held on Monday 18th January 2021

Present:

Committee:

- Brian Godfrey - Chairman
- Carolyn Frostwick - Treasurer
- Steve Howden – Secretary
- Karin Goodburn
- Chloe Shuttlewood
- Kelle Garner

Members of the Public - Meriel Godfrey, Becki Howden, Tom and Ann Price, Rebekah Budenberg

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| <p>1 Apologies for Absence
Lynn Easton, John Young</p> | Action |
| <p>2 Minutes of Previous Meeting
The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16 November 2020 were approved and will be signed by the Chairman.</p> | |
| <p>3 Matters arising from the Minutes</p> <p>3.1 Making VH COVID safe for opening up of the VH for additional users. Documentation will be kept updated to latest guidelines, situation to be reviewed at January meeting (not reviewed so held over to February meeting!).</p> <p>3.2 Fence repair - £500 received from Parish Council towards cost</p> <p>3.3 Fundraising letter from 2017 has been sent to Kelle and John for review prior to revision before next funding drive</p> <p>3.4 Lotto - Printed leaflets have been distributed and there are encouraging early signs of villagers signing up</p> <p>3.5 There was plenty of positive feedback on the new Christmas lights - the committee thanked John for setting up and taking these down</p> | <p>Kelle</p> <p>Kelle/
John</p> |

4.1 Chairman's Report

Brian has attended an ACRE webinar on Policies. He is suggesting the committee consider writing Safeguarding and Equalities Policies. There was some discussion on whether this should be done by VH or delegated to user groups. There is also a possible increased insurance cost to bear in mind if the VH takes ownership of these. Brian will circulate templates for these again for review at next meeting.

Brian

4.2 Treasurer's Report

Preschool and scouts have been invoiced up to date including the recharges for cleaning. Preschool has paid and scouts have been reminded. Total Income for the year is therefore £15,281.

Expenses are currently £5,605 giving a surplus for the year to date of £9,676.

The Parish Council have made a grant of £500 surplus funds from the cancelled VE day celebrations. This is intended to fund the moving of the boundary fence at the rear of the Hall.

CF has recently spoken to HDC regarding Covid grants for the current lockdown period (from January 2021) and been advised that they have not been released by central Government yet. It is hoped that they will be allocated in the same way the last one was – ie via the business rating system without the need for a separate claim. CF will continue to check the HDC website for news. As Pre-school were still in occupation in November a grant claim is not appropriate for that period of lockdown.

4.3 Restoration Fund

Since the last meeting we have received the good news that several grant applications for funds have been successful. We have received £2,000 from the Green Hall Foundation and £13,364 from the Fore Raft Foundation. Both these funds were particularly impressed by the provision of medical services in a village location, especially with a lack of public transport. In addition, a grant of £750 was received from the Maud Elkington Trust.

As a requirement of receiving funding from the Fore Raft Grant, CF was required to attend a seminar to hear about the work and objectives of the fund and to meet other grantees. It is interesting to note that since its inception in 2017 the Fore has received 6,600 applications for grants and has awarded funds to only 3% of them in total. Our application is the first successful one that our fundraiser Minerva has had an involvement with.

We are now in a position to start phase one of the development and it is hoped that this will be a positive boost for the start of phase 2 fundraising. This will commence in earnest in February, although there are a number of applications still in progress some of which it is hoped will prove successful in the meantime.

The committee formally accepted the tender proposed by the working party and would like to thank all of the working party who have put in many hours of work, especially Carolyn! With the Phase 1 work hopefully due to start in the spring this is an exciting time for the village. The committee members stand ready to assist the working party with any practical tasks that are needed in readying the building or site for the arrival of the builders. A suitable start date will be negotiated as well as discussions with user groups to enable safe continued use during works. The working party will send out an update to the village once a start date has been agreed with the builder.

4.4 Caretaking

- Building continues to be checked regularly. Pre-school and scouts have not re-started after Christmas.
- Outstanding work to large tree stump - MG still trying to get this scheduled. Also to obtain a cost for removing old Robinia tree roots.
- Key register updated
- Scouts would like to replace their shed with a larger one. The committee felt that the timing of this was not good with the upcoming works to the building and surrounds.

4.5 Bookings

- Enquiry received for Scouts sleep over weekend 4-6 July. MG quoted them £250 which the committee supported as a reasonable charge.

4.6 Defibrillator

- All checks up to date

5 Forthcoming Events

None organised currently

6 Any Other Business

NONE

7 Public Question Time

Tom suggested that the Doctors surgery was kept updated regarding the schedule for Phase 1 works starting.

8 Date of Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be on Monday 15 February 2021 at 7:30pm. This will be a video meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:35pm