



Minutes of Meeting Held on 20th September 2023

Present:

Committee

Brian Godfrey – Chairman
Chloe Shuttlewood – Secretary
Jenny Sandars – Bookings Clerk

Members of the Public

Meriel Godfrey, Tom Price, Ian Everitt

Note: The meeting was not quorate (no major decisions taken)

			Action
1		Apologies for Absence: Lynn Easton, Carolyn Frostwick	
2		Minutes of Previous Meeting The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 th August 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman.	
3		Matters arising from the Minutes	
	3.1	There were no matters arising from the Minutes.	
4		Chairman’s Report (including governance issues)	
	4.1	The results from the Parish Council village survey have been shared, specifically the question regarding what events people in the village would like to see at the Village Hall, and whether they would be happy to volunteer to plan and run them. Respondents indicating a willingness to help, other than in a few instances, had not provided their contact details as requested which was disappointing. The committee will keep the survey responses in mind for future events. See Appendix A at the end of the Minutes for the table of results from the survey.	
	4.2	The South Leicestershire Medical Group will return to provide a weekly Monday nurse-led outreach clinic as of 25 th September. A joint publicity statement is to be finalised.	BG

	4.3	<p>The replacement of the boiler and heating/hot water system is due to take place from 13th October. Another grant (£5k) has been received towards this project from Market Harborough Building Society. CF is looking into the terms & conditions regarding £10k grant from The Hobson Charity which has been pledged for the boiler work, as our preferred specification has changed slightly from that stated in our application and repeated in their offer letter.</p> <p>It is hoped controls can be set by both hall users and/or by remote app. Training will be needed regarding how to operate the temperature controls remotely using a mobile app.</p> <p>Although further funding is required, work to the kitchen may start next Easter, but is more likely to be next summer.</p>	CF
	4.5	<p>Recruitment of new Committee members – BG has sent a message out to the village to ask whether anyone (especially newcomers to the village) would be happy to get involved in joining the Committee. A further plea for someone to come forward to take over as Treasurer is also advertised and an insert covering all of the above positions will hopefully be in the Parish Magazine in October.</p>	
5		<p>Treasurer’s Report (including Restoration Fund/Appeal)</p> <p>A suggestion that a separate line be shown on the accounts specifically for funds received from Harborough Lotto was supported. Since the launch in November 2020, over £1,300 has been raised for the Village Hall.</p> <p>Quarterly accounts were not available at the meeting for circulation. The Treasurer would be reminded to send these round.</p> <p>Restoration Fund</p> <p>The restoration appeal/fundraising continues, and there are several grant applications in progress.</p> <p>The Village Hall will benefit from “Section 106 funds” as a result of the new housing development on Paynes Lane (Infrastructure contributions from Builder).</p>	CF CF
6		<p>Caretaking/Maintenance/Defibrillator</p> <p>A very kind donation of £500 has been pledged from the Jubilee Fund, to go towards the kitchen.</p> <p>MG has sorted the problem of the mice in the Pre-school walk-in store and the holes around the pipes mortared inside and outside.</p> <p>The ICP contract cleaning schedule has been organised again now that the works to the windows has been completed.</p>	

		<p>Many thanks to the Scouts for the planters, which look really good. The Scouts will be responsible for their upkeep.</p> <p>The tree surgeon was requested to remove dead and dangerous branches on the Robinia tree and one other. Further works to these trees will become necessary again over time. One other tree inspected probably needs removing as it is feared parts of the tree are rotten. Further advice from tree surgeon will be requested.</p> <p>Next year, mowing duties will be done by Nick who takes over from Raoul who cannot continue due to other work commitments. Nick may also be available for some casual gardening. His charges will be comparable with the current arrangement.</p> <p>Sheila Timpson responded to the advert for volunteers to help with the upkeep of the Village Hall and helped MG to clear the many weeds from around the playground area and side of the Village Hall, prior to the celebratory event held at the beginning of September. She has offered to help clear weeds from the sheds area at the side of the VH.</p> <p>MG has checked the defibrillator and it is fine.</p>	MG
7		<p>Bookings</p> <p>It has been a fairly quiet time for bookings. There was an issue with one booking where funds had not been received on time. This would be chased.</p>	JS
8		<p>Forthcoming Events</p> <p>The event which was held to celebrate the renovation of the windows, which took place on Sunday 3rd September, was very well attended and was a great success.</p> <p>There is a possibility of organising a murder mystery event (plus evening meal). MG and CS to follow up on this.</p>	MG, CS
9		<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>None.</p>	
10		<p>Public Question Time</p> <p>None.</p>	
11		<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting is due to take place at 7pm on 18th October.</p>	

		However, as the work to the boiler will be happening at this time, the venue will be confirmed closer to the time.	
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There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:00.

Appendix A

Results from the Parish Council village survey regarding the Village Hall

Q4. What about new events at the Village Hall?

Would you be interested in attending any of the following events at the village hall?
Please indicate if you would be willing to volunteer any of the below events by adding your contact details next to the event.

Please put an X in one box per row	Yes	No	Volunteer
Events Around Easter, Christmas, Royal Celebrations	55	14	8
Summer Outdoor Events	58	8	9
Talks on Topics with outside speakers	45	20	3
Exhibitions e.g. local history, Art	56	11	4
Village Fete	61	7	10
Plant Sale	60	8	5
Table Top Sale	42	22	2
Health & Wellbeing Event	39	25	3
Quiz Evening	40	23	3
Wine Tasting Evening	34	27	6
Any other ideas? Chess Club, winter cinema event. Movie night & Bar, Live Music. More events open to "all village" and "all ages" are needed. Crafting events/clubs, book group, men's club. Inflatable not allowed which makes booking kids parties difficult. Regular weekly Yoga/Pilates in the evening. A stage required in the village hall. Fitness/ dance exercise class. Concerts e.g. local choir, model railway open day.			