



Minutes of Meeting Held on 24th July 2024

Present:

Committee

Brian Godfrey – Chairman
 Carolyn Frostwick – Treasurer
 Jenny Sandars – Bookings Clerk
 Lyn Easton – Medbourne Parish Council

In attendance

Meriel Godfrey, Caretaker (minute taker)

Members of the public

Fiona Smith, Ann Price, Tom Price

			Action
1		Apologies for Absence: Chloe Shuttlewood – Secretary	
2		Minutes of Previous Meeting The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 th June were approved by the Chairman.	
3		Matters arising from the Minutes	
	3.1	Section 106 award was discussed again (Hereward Homes development); draft application form being completed.	
	3.2	Internet connection in the Medical area giving intermittent problems; weekly monitoring.	
4		Chairman’s Report (including governance issues)	
	4.1	No response to request for VH involvement from residents old or new and still no interest regarding Treasurer position.	
	4.2	Applied for £200 community grant from P.C. towards items for kitchen refurb e.g. replacement pans etc.	
	4.3	Open Gardens and Pre-School Fete: As a consequence of these two events hosted at the village hall, an inquiry had been made about the possibility of future provision of disabled parking on the road. This idea would be followed up by LE with the PC.	LE
	4.4	Kitchen scheme: Some clearing of site, new larger window aperture created and new window made off site and delivered. Waiting for electrician/plumber and delivery of kitchen units. Quarry tiles in good state so may not need the proposed new floor covering. A few issues: condition of ceiling, walls and how to resolve. Issues	

	<p>with position of services including water meter and stop cock. Howdens kitchen fittings ordered and also and cooker ordered form Lords; deposit paid; delivery will be when notified.</p> <p>The new fridge/freezer for which a grant has been secured for is still to be decided on and ordered once maximum height determined by kitchen unit fittings.</p> <p>Existing fridge/freezer may be advertised once new one in situ.</p> <p>Date for completion confirmed as 23rd August.</p> <p>No problems regarding the building work from the Practice Nurse on Monday mornings as contractor provided Hennis fencing to screen off area for safe access to medical facility.</p>	
5	<p>Treasurer's Report (including Restoration Fund/Appeal)</p> <p>Application for Section 106 given to Chairman for further consideration.</p> <p>Architect's drawings available for redesigned toilet area but refurbishment plans will also need a complete specification before obtaining three quotes. (Fleckney VH to be approached for advice, as their toilet block was refurbished using Section 106 money.)</p> <p>The accounts currently show a surplus of £4,673.</p> <p>Restoration Fund</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	MG
6	<p>Caretaking/Maintenance/Defibrillator</p> <p>Open Gardens teas. Very busy and a good advert for VH. As no booking charge had been levied, it was disappointing not to have had even a small donation from the organising committee to compensate the village hall charity for the use of the facilities and to cover running costs.</p> <p>Meeting with representative of East Mercia River Trust. No more information received from the Trust about further involvement in the village.</p> <p>Everyone involved in the removal of contents from kitchen and clearing of the small hall were thanked.</p> <p>Election Day Polling Station booking went well. HDC have been invoiced for Elections held on May 2nd and July 4th.</p> <p>Two tables had been hired and paid for.</p> <p>ICP cleaners on hold until 2nd September. Caretaker will clean medical area and toilets.</p> <p>Roses pruned but will need attention later in the year.</p>	

		Scouts have been asked whether they will undertake weeding of shed area. Ian Everitt to follow up. Defibrillator ok. Needs new paediatric pads which had been ordered but there was no availability of pads from the supplier.	IE
7		Bookings No bookings during kitchen work except for WI, Scouts. Treasure Hunt in September organised by Uppingham Twinning and a wedding reception in October.	
8		Forthcoming Events Events Race Night in Autumn. Sports club asked about supplying alcohol on sale and return. Murder Mystery for next year. MG will ask theatre group. A village celebration for Packhorse Bridge repairs and reconstructed ford had been proposed by the PC. BG had suggested to the PC that the refurbished kitchen at the village hall also be included in the village celebrations (as a condition of one of the Grants, we are obliged to hold an open event and invite our MP).	BG MG
9		Any Other Business Notice board needs to be addressed as looking very shabby. Perhaps sand frame and varnish. Renew lining inside. Also sign needs attention. LE to raise with the PC as the PC notice Board is also looking very scruffy.	MG/LE
10		Public Question Time Fiona Smith referred to Community Grants, of which she had some knowledge.	
11		Date of Next Meeting 21 st August at 7pm.	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:00.