

## Minutes of Village Hall Committee Meeting 19 March 2024 7pm

Present: John Knight (Trustee), Janet Richardson (Trustee), Jennie Schamp (Trustee), Andrea Tancred (Trustee), Sue Ryder & Mick Ryder, (Mardle & Website) Nick Pink (Maintenance), Heather Bond (Minutes)

Apologies: Jon Carpenter

### 1 Minutes of Meeting held on 13 February 2024

The minutes were agreed as correct.

### 2 Matters arising/Action updates

David will continue to do fortnightly emails. Sue & Mick will send on any posters to David. John will take over fish and chip ordering, with David's help. Jon is happy to takeover finances. The mandate has been signed by all the trustees. Open Gardens: The group has received £300 for blooming the village. 4 wooden planters will be planted in the village. Kitchen: Janet asked the PC for £4,000 towards the new kitchen, if we don't get the grant. The PC agreed to pay the bill to save us VAT. Work will start on 17 June and take approx 1 week.

### 3 Mardle update

The Mardle should be ready tomorrow for distribution on Friday. An insert from the School is going in the paper Mardle. A digital version has gone to David and is on the website.

### 4 Website update

The hire rate for the Hall is now an hourly rate for a Friday and a Saturday night, with 7 hours minimum. Invoices to be paid in 14 days.

### 5 Hallmaster

Jennie, Andrea, Sue Knight & John are all familiar with the system.

### 6 Bar Update

New salary rates to be implemented in April. Takings are up 40 percent on last year. A new glass washer is being investigated.

### 7 Maintenance Update

The alarm wiring was in a critical state. A new box has been installed and the Witch & Wren doors are now alarmed but new cabling is needed for other side of the building. Nick would recommend CCTV to save further costs.

### 8 Treasurer's Report/ Charity Commission update

It is Ian's intention to handover to Jon Carpenter at the end of March. In early July we have to submit our accounts to the charity commission. John has registered as the administrator with the charity commissioners.

## **9 School/Parish Report & School Fundraising**

The Parish Council has agreed to contribute towards the new kitchen, if the grant application is unsuccessful. Planned Lotus works have been delayed because of flooding. There will be a £5 increase in Band E council tax. The PC is objecting to the overhead pylon cabling. Planning application for Farthings is going in this month. The Parish Council is giving £5,600 towards school windows, and 2 parents are sponsoring windows. School fundraising events are being promoted: Bingo night, Disco, Summer fete and Colour Run.

## **10 – Events Calendar for 2024**

22 March Easter Family Bingo

6 April Pudding Night

11 May Nostalgia Night

7th June 80s night school fundraiser

15 June School Fete; 16 June Open Gardens

19 July Cheese & Wine

16 August Tapas Evening

28 September Tray Bake

26 October Hotpot

5 November Fireworks

Fish and chip night - consider changing to third Friday in the month

Badminton an alternative to games night?

## **11 – Future Meeting Dates**

John suggested April 9th rather than 16th (subsequently changed to Wednesday 10th).

## **12 - Any Other Business**

The cost of an up to date Floor polisher to be investigated. John to ask the Council for a 2nd black bin. John will update the guide to hirers. Nick will get costing for wireless CCTV cameras.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm