Minutes of Village Hall Committee Meeting 10 April 2024 7.30pm

Present: John Knight (Trustee), Jennie Schamp (Trustee), Andrea Tancred (Trustee), Jon Carpenter (Treasurer), Nick Pink (Maintenance), Heather Bond (Minutes)

Apologies: Janet Richardson, Sue & Mick Ryder

1 Minutes of Meeting held on 19 March 2024

The minutes were agreed as correct, with an amendment to the list of those present.

2 Matters arising/Action updates

Christine Minns was 30 copies short of the paper Mardle. The committee thanked Christine & David Kirk who copied the shortfall, free of charge. The current list of Hallmaster debtors has been chased.

3 Treasurer's Role & Handover update

The handover is still to be finalised.

4 Financial discussion re grant/future spending plans

We have a **n**ew contract with British Gas. Instead of owing £6,500, the payment has been reduced to £4,600 and has been paid in full.

The committee thanked Jennie for her work in successfully gaining the Lottery Grant of £15,000. We must keep accurate records and evidence of any expenditure for up to 7 years. It was agreed to take a picture of the committee at the May meeting with the cheque. The Open Gardens group is contacting the EDP, so we could possibly combine publicity with the kitchen project.

Potential expenditure: Patio - to widen and extend the patio £7,000

Cleaner/polisher £599 - it was agreed to purchase.

5 Mardle & Website update

No update.

6 Maintenance Update

Nick has made a temporary repair to roof. It was agreed to go ahead with fire alarm and security system, exact costs to be confirmed**.** Nick gave John a list of possible maintenance work needed, particularly fire doors.

7 Events discussion & possible changes

Bingo and pudding nights went well. Village hall to pay £275 to the school for fundraising on the bingo night. According to the terms of our constitution, we can organise a fundraising event and profits can go to the school.

Nostalgia Night - date to be changed

8 May Clairvoyant night - charge £6 on the door - organised by Steve Davey

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

8 Future Meeting Dates

Next month Tuesday 21 May 7.30pm. Other meeting dates will be on a Wednesday in future.

9 Bar Update

From April 6th there will be a 9.8% increase in staffing pay.

10 School & Parish Report

The planning application for the Farthings is going in tomorrow. As part of the project, drainage will be put on Hethel Road and 2 footpaths created which will be wheelchair friendly. A playground inspection took place: the new Springer is not working properly and a few issues need resolving.

School: 3 parents have sponsored windows. Donations received of £100 from one resident and two £50 donations. Two mobiles are 30 years old & were secondhand then. Mould is an issue and one roof needs replacing. The Council has made an inspection which they say is satisfactory. The school is trying to find out if other portacabins might be available. Val Keel has offered to pay any money made through recycling with Terracycle for the benefit of the school. The school curtains need replacing and the craft group are considering whether they are able to help.

11 Any Other Business

None.

The meeting ended at 9.40pm