Wreningham Village Hall Management Committee

Wednesday 9 April 2025 7.30pm

Present: Sue Pink (Chair), Nicholas Pink, Janet Richardson, Jennie Schamp, Andrea Tancred, Keith O'Neill, Heather Bond (Minutes)

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2025 and matters arising

Treasurer/payroll - SP received the first set of accounts today from Lewis. NP advised that the plumbing in the ladies toilet has been adapted because of the water softener for the glass washer.

2. VE Day 11th May 2-5pm

The afternoon is for Wreningham residents and we're hoping for 100 to attend. NP has obtained VE Day bunting and will play 40s music, and Battle of Britain and Edith Cavell beers will be served at the bar. Book group and coffee morning group to be asked to make cakes/sandwiches and we'll serve tea/coffee/squash. AT will organise a colouring/craft table for children.

3. Finance update

NP analysed that the costs of running the village hall, before any lettings, i.e. electricity, broadband, accountant, cleaning costs, testing etc. JS suggested considering solar panels, as two air conditioning units are running continuously in the cellar, and would happily put in an application for a community grant for solar panels. AT suggested CIL money of £2-3,000

4. Bar update

KO'N thanked NP for all his help in the bar. From May the bar will be open on Fridays (trial for a month), and it was agreed to consider opening on Sunday afternoons 12-3pm during the summer.
Julian, the new cleaner, has started and he's happy to do bar work too.
Beating the Bounds: 30 August: the bar will be open 12 noon - 5pm.
Beer festival 9-11 October: 3 day beer festival - Thursday & Saturday nights run by the village. Ceilidh on Friday 10 October and German food will be served.
Fish & chips on Good Friday - check with DT if it's happening.

5. Any other business

Income has reduced since the Swing group stopped using the hall. Any ideas of potential hirers would be welcome. Last year's accounts have been agreed and audited.
Agreed to store Christine Minns' printer (locked) at the hall.
School news: The Headteacher, Mr Jones, has resigned from the end of this academic year, and the Chair of Governors has died. The school had an Ofsted inspection last week.
The grant for toddler group runs out in May.

6. Date of next meeting: 4th June 7.30pm