Wreningham Village Hall Management Committee

26 February 2025 at 7.30pm

Present: Sue Pink (Chair), Nick Pink, Janet Richardson, Andrea Tancred, Heather Bond (Minutes)

Apologies: Jennie Schamp, Keith O'Neill

1 Minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2025 and matters arising

The minutes were agreed as correct. We still have a vacancy for a cleaner. The mobile network is now with Vodaphone not BT.

2 Treasurer/payroll progress

The Treasurer role is going well and payroll. HMRC direct debit has been set up. The bank mandate should be completed in a few days. SP would like to get a debit card for KO'N to use, or alternatively one for NP who is a Trustee.

3 Hire Agreement

To be discussed at the next meeting.

4 Maintenance of building

A set of shelves has been installed in the cellar. The fridge has been moved from the store to the bar area so no need for a cupboard. NP has repainted 2/3 of the bar. The cellar will be next, with anti mould paint to one wall, then NP will paint one wall in the Margaret Preston room. A wheelchair has been given on long term loan by Christine Minns, and NP will fit a combination lock to it for safekeeping. If a hirer needs a wheelchair, then we would make a small charge. NP was thanked for all his maintenance work.

5 Future events

21 March Pie Night
Community events suggested:
30 August - Beating the bounds of the Parish - trail walks during the day. Hall open 10-5pm for tea, coffee, cakes, light lunches. Bar open12-5pm. Kids corner in the hall. JR will contact people in the community to run stands.
Beer Festival 9-11 October coinciding with 60s night
Friday night a Ceilidh 7.30-11.00 £10 pp, under 5s free, £5 for 5-12. £500 earmarked for a band. HW & JR will do German food at 6.30. Agreed to waive hall charge as it's a community event.

6 Bar update

A Greene King engineer has been to the Hall and thinks they supplied us with contaminated barrels, as the Moretti has been going off. The pipes are cleaned weekly but the beer was still coming through cloudy. Greene King swapped over the fitting but suggested using another cleaning fluid, which has improved the pipes. Diego, Guinness owners, came out and put a new cleaning nozzle on the Guinness pump. A number of glasses have been thrown out and NP has taken some glasses home to give them a thorough clean in their dishwasher and they have come out really well. He is working through all the glasses to make sure they are clean and hygienic. NP looked at some new glasses at Dunelm but is holding fire before buying. The bar is overstocked with crisps. KO'N has explained the new system to

bar staff. There are 150 items on the Point of Sale system on 2 iPads, making it easier to keep an inventory. We have lost 2 regular events with Barry dying so bar takings are down. Items like brandy and Guinness Zero have been bought from supermarkets, keeping prices down. Opening the bar after table tennis was trialled but not viable. Lacons are prepared to cut prices by 20per cent and we are trialling San Miguel. We are also are trialling Speckled Hen, through Greene King, but they are happy to provide other beers. It was agreed to trial beer from other local breweries as an alternative and bottled beers too, as well as alcohol free bitters.

Italian night: all the red wine sold and 2 Fiano; since then only 3 bottles have been sold. It was agreed to wait another month then review the stock position and possibly return some of the wines. JR said wines were chosen to relate to the events and hopefully more white will sell in the spring and summer. JR will promote people buying full bottles, rather than small, and possibly rearrange the fridge so whole bottles can be opened and served by the glass. Nethergate is happy to offer wine tasting.
Cocktail night - there are rumours that school Mums might be interested in coming on a Friday evening, so it was agreed to trial a Friday night (not run by JR).

7 Any other business
Parish Council litter pick 16th March 2-3.30pm
Mardle editors raised a concern about collection of copies.
The PC is considering CPR & Defibrillator training for the Parish, although we have carried out our own first aid staff training.
VE Day: Sunday 11 May: agreed to apply for a £300 grant and hold a tea party 2-5pm in the village free of charge but ask people to bake cakes
Friday 7th March: Our MP is visiting the school and holding a surgery at the Village Hall

Meeting ended 9.10pm.

Date of next meeting: 9th April 7.30pm