

14th APRIL PIDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Present: Lynda Willis (LW); John Galloway (JG); Chris Weavers (CW); Marie-Claire Nixon (MCN); Ken Howard (KH)

Also present: Yvonne Weavers (YW) 200 Club.

Apologies: Hazel Coleman; Andrew Coleman; Sally Clark; Sam Godkin.

Tony Pearce, a villager and Chair of the Piddington Indoor Bowls Club, made an application for some funding to help them purchase a Bowling Mat wind onto storage unit. This unit allowed the 2 bowling mats to be hand wound as against people having to get on the floor and roll the mats up. Mr Pearce produced information on the unit. The cost of the unit is £662. The Bowls Club had some money already and was asking for a donation. Mr Pearce stated he would also ask the Parish Council for a donation. It was pointed out that it would be easier to move the mats when a function was being held in the hall, as at present it needed at least 2 people to drag the mats along the village hall floor. LW stated that the committee would discuss his application later and thanked him for supplying all the necessary information.

89/15 200 Club Draw: 130 T. Tomlin; 185 L. Shepherd; 94 B. Podmore; 58 M. Reynolds. The draw was followed by a discussion on how to encourage villagers to be part of the 200 club and not withdraw their support. More prizes and/or bigger prizes were discussed; it was agreed that the subscription and prize money would stay the same with one proviso that the Christmas draw would be one prize of £100.

90/15 The minutes of the meeting held on 10th March were confirmed and signed

91/15 Matters arising: None.

92/15 Treasurers Report: CW stated that the surplus earnings for the last 12 months was £3342. The accounts were with Heather Thomas for verification and would be ready for the AGM. The necessary paperwork on Gift Aid had now been submitted again to HMRC. When approved, application would be made for monies owed by way of donations to the village hall not only over the past 12 months but in retrospect, fully; every £5 donated was worth in total £6.25p to the village hall. The £20,000 in bonds over a 12 month period had been processed. Easyfundraising had raised a small amount of money for the last quarter; this way of raising money for the village hall should be encouraged and given more publicity.

93/15 AGM: KH produced a draft of the AGM Agenda; it was agreed that the committee meet at 7 p.m. on 12th May, prior to the open meeting at 8 p.m. It was agreed that after the meeting refreshments would be offered to those attending. It is important that all committee members attend. Apologies had already been received from Andrew & Hazel Coleman, who had booked their holiday long before the AGM date had been agreed.

94/15 Pop-up-Pub night, 24th April: MCN agreed to organise the food for this evening. The beer had been ordered and other drinks were in stock. An invitation had been sent to Blackthorn village hall committee who may come over as a darts team.

95/15 Future functions: it was decided that a summer Pop-up-Pub possibly with a Barbecue would be held on Saturday 13th June. This was on the Queen's Birthday and very close to Magna Carta day. This function would be between 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Further discussion to take place.

96/15 Village Hall matters: the state of the fire doors was discussed together with an estimate of repair of just over £300. It was agreed that these repairs were urgent and the estimate was approved. It is understood they would be carried out early in May. CW asked that another clean-up day be organised. The other shed needed cleaning out, plus the outside window frames had mildew on them and they needed cleaning, plus some of the parking area also had mildew which need cleaning. Agreed a date would be made when all committee available. LW then discussed the application for and against a donation to the Bowling Club; each committee member gave an opinion in turn. It was agreed that, providing the Bowling Club will allow the bowling mats to be used at a village hall committee function, should the occasion arise, then £150 would be made as a donation.

97/15 Any Other Business: None.

Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m. Next meeting 14th May 7 p.m. followed by the AGM. 8 p.m.