

23rd FEBRUARY 2016 PIDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Present: Sue Roberts (SR), Kim Elliot (KE), John Galloway (JG), Chris Weavers (CW)

Note that (JG) chaired the meeting in (MC) absence with (CW) taking the minutes in (KH) absence.

27/16 Apologies: Marie - Claire Nixon (MC), Ken Howard (KH), Sally Clark (SC)

28/16 Minutes of meeting held 19th January 2016 for approval and signature

29/16 Matter arising. None

30/16 Treasurers Report. Accounts were circulated prior to the meeting. (CW) advised that a £400 donation had since been received for which the VH would get an additional £100 from gift aid. The surplus for the year is now £2.5k so we might end the year at around £3k surplus. He also mentioned that at the previous meeting the possibility of increasing the VH hire rates was discussed. He had proposed that this could take effect from 1st October but this had yet to be agreed and should remain on the agenda until after the AGM. (SR) had posted the latest results from the Easy Fund Raising campaign on the village noticeboards.

31/16 ORCC Membership fee increase. Defer to next meeting.

32/16 AGM Date and Arrangements. The usual meeting date for the committee is the second Tuesday of the month which would be the 10th May. The committee deferred this item to the next meeting.

The committee asked that the date for the March meeting to be confirmed. At the moment it is shown on the calendar as the 22nd March.

33/16 Pub Night 26th. (JG) suggested that one barrel of beer would be adequate for the evening. He would arrange to order and collect. (SR) would purchase white wine, a pack of bottled beer plus crisps. (CW) advised that we had enough stock of other drinks. The committee would meet sometime after 6pm in the VH to set up.

34/16 Quiz Night. The committee noted that (MC) had outlined in an email the initial arrangements for the event on the 19th March. She had suggested that we may offer jacket potato's instead of fish and chips and reduce the ticket price. (MC) had asked that the committee agree on a ticket price, they decided to take the opportunity on the 26th whilst setting up the pub to review the event with (MC).

35/16 Barn Dance arrangements. It was noted that (MC) had booked the band Kinderhook for the 4th June and the cost would be £420 cash payable on the night. Publicity to be needed during April. Item to be reviewed at the next meeting.

36/16 Other Functions. It was noted that the bake off had been suggested for April. Possible future functions could include a race night, music event and beer event possible in the autumn to align with the cider pressing. These and other possible functions to be reviewed at the next meeting.

37/16 Spring Clean. (SR) explained that she had produced a list of outside works that had been circulated to the committee by email. The committee agree that this should go ahead later in April with Sunday the 24th suggested. (CW) advised that the PPC usually does a village litter blitz around that time so he would check with their clerk. Failing April early May would be suitable. (JG) would make up the necessary posters up once a date was agreed.

(JG) advised that the provision of an outside tap was in hand and that Mike (MC) would assist. They needed a specialist drilling tool that both (SR) and (KE) felt they might have somewhere at home. (KE) also noted that the water butt in the front of the VH was not connected to anywhere and would benefit from attention at the clean.

38/16 Any Other Business.

Gigaclear. (CW) advised that the company had offered the VH a broadband connection that would rent free for the first year (usually around £40 per month) but that we would need to pay £100 connection charge and an installation charge. The committee decided for the limited use that paying hirers would make of it and that we already had the Village Networks connection FOC we should decline the offer. (CW) would email Verena, their contact person.

New Lighting. It was felt that it was desirable to press ahead with this as soon as practicable, especially as we now have £400 donation to help with the costs. (SR) would ask the electricians for a more detailed spec to help the committee understand the options. In the meanwhile we should ask (KH) what the situation is regarding the grant that had been applied for. In addition, there is a decision to be made on the window repairs.

Damage to the Marquee. (CW) advised that the Pantry were still reviewing their options on offering to repair the existing marquee or contribute to a replacement. It was made clear that the marquee is the property of the VH and that the hirer is obliged to make good any damage. (CW) mentioned that someone from the Monday bowls club was interested in taking any bits of scrap metal off us, including the table legs in the back yard area. This would be for his own use, not for profit. (JG) suggested that whoever took the metal parts also removes whatever is attached to them.

Meeting closed at 9pm, next meeting 22nd March 2016 7.30 pm.