

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2023 7 P.M. PIDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PRESENT: Mike Newbury (MN), Karen Joy (KJ), Mario Terzino (MT), Chris Weavers (CW) Deborah Walton (DW).

Chair: Deborah Walton

1. Apologies. Ken Howard

2. Confirmed minutes of the meeting of 10th January 2023, no amendments.

3. Declaration of Trustees Interests, no new declarations

4. Matters Arising:

a) Fire door realigning (KH): Door company coming 15th February to check doors. Ken has advised of the issues and Maggie will be present to let them in. Doors will be checked when done. (KH, MT)

B) Flood Lights (KH):) Await appointment for Jordan electrician who will do floodlights etc mostly outside work when weather bit better.

5. Treasurers Report (CW): As stated previous we are in a good financial state although we need to be mindful of the decrease in rentals, which were lost due to COVID restrictions and have not come back. Currently due to low rentals the costs are also lower. Chris has circulated an email showing breakdown of costs and income. Overall after discretionary spending we had an income of 2.8k this year, this was helped by the Christmas market.

Also Chris made us aware of:

- Energy contact will renew later in the year but hopefully any increase will be offset by the solar panels.
- Insurance company offered a survey of hall, put on back burner for the moment as no reason seen to do it.
- Suggested a change in banking arrangements as interest currently given is not good. Committee agreed to close 60 day savings account and put the money back into the current account as the current account pays more interest. (CW) to look into this and report back.
- Hire rate was discussed and overall was agreed is good. No changes to be made currently, but keep under review.

6. Art Weeks Confirmation of arrangements. (KJ)

Pub night agreed to be on the 19th May with the Art week. Normal opening time of 7pm. Church will do refreshments during the days of the weekend. (KJ) asked if it was okay to put up a flag outside VH, agreed.

7. Solar Panel Update (MT) (MN): Mario advised the date for site survey as 14th March (MT) and (MN) to be present. No timescale as of yet but (MT) is closely monitoring.

We still have a shortfall for the cost of the work, (CW) suggested applying for a lottery funded grant, and also that The Pantry committee be asked to match the Councillors Fund donation of £1000. (KJ) (CW) to talk to The Pantry Committee.

8. Quiz Night 31.3.23. (CW):

Quiz Night: It was agreed that VH has proceeds of bar and the ticket sales and raffle go to the Church. Ticket price suggested up to £5, or £5 plus a raffle ticket, but Chris will discuss this with Maggie. Teams a maximum of 6.

George will do poster when he knows ticket price. Ken has printed tickets. Suggested Easter Eggs for prizes.

Chris and Maggie will sell tickets.

9. Tea Party/Dance Update (DW)(ALL)

Ken to buy from Costco, (DW) give list of requirements. (DW) suggested we over cater slightly to cover volunteers and unexpected residents.

(DW) to buy decorations. Kim has offered bunting, accepted.

Names/numbers need to be confirmed (DW) (KH) 25 names at present. (KH) will ask Francesca to send round reminder at end of week. Discussed tablecloths, (DW) &(KJ) felt our tablecloths were not good enough so will purchase paper roll.

10. 200 Club Update (KH)(CW): 102 tickets sold giving an income of £1222.00, prizes for the year total £1080 thereby giving a profit of £142. Discussed continuing to sell through the year. Suggested a list of available numbers to be held behind the bar so that they can be confirmed immediately if someone wants them.

11. Tree Work/Maintenance (KH)(ALL)

Tree work completed. £700 paid. (KH) donated £50 Gift Aid for the logs which will raise £62.50p. Cost of job will be £637.50.

12. Kings Coronation May, general opinion that we should not do anything as it would be a lot to do with few volunteers and after the Queens Jubilee members felt perhaps it should be mentioned to the Parish Council and not fall to the VH.

13. Bingo Night 16th June. All agreed on date. To be put on next agenda.

14. Wine Purchases. (MT) Mario has ordered wine from our normal supplier.

15. Pub theme nights.

February- Not Quite Valentines

March - Quiz Night

April - Wine Tasting

May - Art Week

June - discussed possibly a BBQ or Beer tasting

16. Any Other Business

(CW) mentioned that Francesca is happy to continue to pay the money to Valancia, re the solar panels, as previously, and Chris will transfer the money accordingly.

(MN) requested we purchase some more de-scaler as it has made a huge difference to the water boiler, and suggested it is done regularly. (DW) agreed to purchase some more.

(CW) queried a minor increase in electricity twice a day (MT) said he would have a look at the usage.

Advertising. After a discussion the committee decided not to go ahead with advertising at the current time as the more users the more costs and time needed from the committee members ,who

feel enough is being done currently and primarily the village hall is run for the use of the villagers. Should the need arise to raise funds then this could be looked at again.

(MT) suggested offering a bar to users when hired. Committee members would man the bar which would be run as a cash bar with profits going to the VH. Booking form should be amended to offer this ON REQUEST.