

## JANUARY PIDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023.

Present: Chris Weavers (CW): Karen Joy (KJ): Deborah Walton (DW):  
Mario Terzino (MT): Mike Newbury (MN): Ken Howard (KH):

CHAIR KAREN JOY.

The Trustees above wish to express their thanks to Kim Elliott who for 7 years has served as a Trustee. Her involvement in everything village hall and more will be sorely missed. Kim who was our booking clerk devoted time and effort in making sure that users of the hall were given first class service and advice, and for those special occasions was our heroine in decking the hall with bunting and decorations. Her enthusiasm and hands on approach will be greatly missed. Due to increasing personal commitments Kim has stood down as a Trustee. From us all THANK YOU so much.

1. Apologies: None.
2. Confirm minutes of meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022.
3. Declaration of Trustees' interests: No new declarations.
4. Matters Arising: (a) Village Hall grounds tree maintenance (KH) stated recent conversations with Kim that she was still dealing with the tree surgeon, however, maybe as she has left the committee, she may wish to hand over the enquiry; (KH) to enquire: (b) Oxford Art Weeks (KJ) the arrangements all confirmed from 11<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May in village hall. The bowls and craft clubs to be informed of hall's use. Pub night would be held on 19<sup>th</sup>, possibly to include the Art Group and their displays. To be confirmed.
5. Treasurers Report: (CW) had previously circulated to committee accounts information. Possible surplus as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 end financial year to be in the region of £52.2k. With news that the solar panel funding application had been approved, additional expense due to increase in equipment maybe an added expense during 2023. The electric supplier contract expires August 2023, and hall insurance February 2024, which may include some added expenditure. Progress on getting the solar panel system installed as quickly as possible may alleviate some of the additional costs running the hall. The hall's use not as good as prior to Covid, matter discussed with a view to trying to encourage corporate use of the hall via publicity (DW) to investigate.

- 6 Debrief Market Day: Trustees agreed it had been a success and arrangements for 2023 should start now. Date agreed 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Matters discussed at length. Further agenda item.
- 7 Debrief Ukulele Night: Trustees agreed together with the church the night was a profitable success.
- 8 Fire Doors Update: (KH) On installation day of the doors the installer was asked to submit their final invoice. Nothing had been received; a reminder to be sent on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Plus reported a fire door needs realigning; company to be informed.
- 9 Solar Panels Update: (MT) informed the trustees that confirmation had been received that day our funding application for £38.928 had been approved by Valencia Communities Fund. Matter discussed in detail (MT) to make contact with proposed supplier to get the installation moving. Update as and when known to trustees.
- 10 Seniors Party/Tea Dance: (DW) circulated a proposed itinerary for the day in question 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 pm. Various items discussed and agreed. (DW) would order items of food etc. nearer the time and (KH) would collect on the morning of the function. 19<sup>th</sup> February would be the closing date on numbers. Members of regular hall users', villagers of Piddington or not, also invited.
- 11 Play Area Sub-Committee: (MT) informed the meeting that Alice West: Lizzy Smith: Edwina Sinclair and (MT) as trustees' representative would be known as the Play Area Sub-Committee. They would monitor damage, use of and help raise funds solely for area upkeep. To expand the play area was discussed, enquiries would be made by (MT).
- 12 Village Newsletter: regular circulation discussed. Matter withdrawn.
- 13 200 Club Renewals for 2023: (KH) requested that efforts to circulate the joining or renewing procedure with villagers be carried out when possible. 108 numbers need to be sold to be viable. Item circulated via village has on a number of occasions.
- 14 AGM of Committee: (KH) stated the date would be 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 7p.m. the committee meet, open to public 7.30 p.m. When committee stood down and if agreed to stand again, would be confirmed by public at the meeting.

- 15 Flood Lights: (KH) stated that Jordan the electrician would be at VH on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. to ID fitting flood lights, outside socket box plus defective front porch light. Estimate to be obtained as soon as possible.
- 16 Any Other Business: (KJ) store room sheds need a clear out: A villager had offered a 6000-piece jigsaw for the village hall to have on display and pieces added when hall in use. Discussed, offer declined: A villager had suggested that some decking would look good on the grassed area of the hall. Discussed declined due to attraction to wildlife. Suggested that consideration be given to a possible King's Coronation Party at the hall. Discussed agreed agenda item for February. (MT) Gave an outline of possible procedures involving the village re death of Chris Howard, a possible wake in the hall discussed and agreed. Dates unknown as yet. (DW) suggested that where possible pub nights should have a theme. Discussed arrangements in hand January and February pub nights. (CW) Re music quiz night 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, a Pub night: discussed and agreed in partnership with the Church. (MN) Nil: (MT) handed over items re booking clerk fobs to (KJ).

Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m. Next Meeting Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023 7 p.m.  
Chair to be (DW).