

Minutes for Piddington Village Hall Committee Meeting  
11th June 2024 at 7.30pm

Invited:

Mike Newbury (MN) - Chair  
Chris Weavers - (CW) Treasurer  
Deborah Walton -(DW) Secretary  
Karen Joy - (KJ) Trustee  
Susannah Parden - (SP) Trustee  
Al Hopkins (AL)  
Maria Chambers (MC)

1. Apologies - Deborah Walton and Al Hopkins
2. Declaration of interests. Susannah is a member of the Parish Council
3. Minutes of previous AGM meeting and minutes signed by Chairman electronically
4. Treasurer's Report -attached.
5. AGM review - The AGM went well, with plenty of people attending and even a couple volunteering to join us on the committee (welcome!)
6. Fire assessment - Susannah is still working through this, but on reviewing the evidence deemed the hall as a low fire risk. Thorough documentation is still being prepared with an aim to share with the committee and formally adopt it at the next meeting.

As part of the fire assessment, the hire agreement will need to be changed slightly - no naked flames, smoking or flammable substances allowed in the hall, and the hirer is responsible for vulnerable, disabled and elderly visitors during the hire period. Changes to be brought to the meeting and agreed.

7. Events for this year:
  - a. Line dancing is a good success with 10 - 12 people attending. Will continue for now.
  - b. Bingo still scheduled for 21st June. Contact with Al to ask about advertising, prizes and start time.
  - c. October Art Show.
  - d. A village event in September/October - see item 13.
  - e. Halloween movie night - possible "double bill" with family friendly film in the afternoon, adult film in the evening.
8. Christmas Market - struggling to get people to book tables, with only 7 tables confirmed so far. Need to identify other possible stall holders, so keep an eye out / make contact with any we see as we visit summer fetes, etc.
9. Village email - Deborah to forward information to Collette after the meeting.

10. Carpenter for store room work. Now assigned to MN, still to do.
11. Flat roof - work has now been completed, invoice paid.
12. Clothing bank - still waiting for delivery of this in the car park as there was an issue with the delivery driver running out of driving hours. Awaiting a new delivery date.
13. Request from Mario for VH to join in an event for Francesca's bench - Ian is going to have a tree planted and bench installed at Widnell. The aim is for a joint event, funded by the VH, PPC for the village, to include a village hall bar, and food. Details are still to be decided.
14. Gardening - we have a quote for the grass and hedges from the people who do the work for the parish council. Quotes are very expensive. Thanks to Paul for battling with the grass and getting that back under control. Reaching out to one of the villagers to see how much to manage the grass for us.  
The hedge at the front, we are considering organising a day to tackle it together to tidy it up, date to be decided, then getting the height reduced using one of the farmers.
15. AOB:
  - a. Committee is happy for Mike to manage the ordering for the bar, with a review of the wine we purchase as stocks get lower.
  - b. No pop-up pub at the end of June as it is a week after bingo night. Will advertise this as part of the bingo advertising.
  - c. Maria is happy to become a trustee.
16. Meeting closed at 8:50
17. Date of next meeting 9th July at 7.30