

Minutes for the Meeting of Piddington Village Hall Committee
Held 12.7.23 at 7.30

Present

Mike Newbury - Chair

Chris Weavers - Treasurer

Deborah Walton - Secretary

Karen Joy - Trustee

1. Apologies - Mario Terzino
2. Declaration of interests: Mario and Mike are members of the Parish Council
3. Minutes of previous meeting to be signed - signed by Mike Newbury
4. South Cherwell Meeting - no response as of yet.
5. Treasurer's report - attached.
6. Solar Panel Update - they are in and running. They appear to be working well. A second grant from the lottery, obtained by Chris, has allowed us to keep our costs down as some extra equipment was required. Total cost to the village hall has been £2,590; the remaining costs have been funded by various grants applied for and received.
7. Electricity Contract. Renewal is due and Chris and Mario are working on the best tariff for cost and now export of electricity from the panels to the grid. They will report back once a decision has been made.
8. Replacement door for the fire door in the kitchen. A quote has been received which has been agreed, but before purchase an application for a grant will be done to try to offset the costs.
9. Review of first aid course response. Although not as well attended as we hoped. The committee plus several villagers attended and were treated to an extremely informative evening. Our thanks to Al Hopkins and the Lowland Rescue team. On checking our defibrillators in the village all three will now be serviced and batteries replaced. This will be at a cost. This will be referred to the parish council for assistance.
10. New guidelines for hire of the hall. The committee discussed these in light of requests from hirers.
11. Lottery grant. See item 6.

12. Christmas market - update on stalls. We now have quite a few stalls wishing to attend. Volunteers are required to assist with the running of the Christmas Market. Villagers will be asked to donate and help.

13. New member. One new potential member has been approached and will be attending the September meeting.

14. Any Other Business

- Playground Survey. This is due in July.
- Electric Car Charging Point. This has been mentioned but at present we feel we need the panels to be working before we introduce any further items that may require maintenance and management.
- Coffee mornings. The July coffee morning has been cancelled due to clashing with another hall user. To be rescheduled in September.
- Evacuation procedures. To be reviewed at the next meeting.
- Store cupboard. Due to the installation of solar batteries. The store cupboard needs a review of how things are stored and to be cleared of any unnecessary items.
- Flat roof. This needs repair. Quotes to be obtained.

Next meeting. 5th September at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.45pm