

Minutes for the Meeting of Piddington Village Hall Committee

Held 5th September 2023 at 7.30

Present: Mike Newbury - Chair. Chris Weavers - Treasurer.

Deborah Walton - Secretary. Mario Terzino - Trustee. Karen Joy - Trustee

Susannah Parden

1. No apologies
2. Two new members were welcomed: Susannah Parden and Al Hopkins (not present) joined the committee. An invite has been extended to Nina Gower to join as she was unable to attend this meeting and we look forward to her joining in October.
3. Declaration of interests: Mario and Mike are members of the Parish Council.
4. Minutes of previous meeting/accounts signed by Mike Newbury.
5. The South Cherwell Meeting which was held regarding the current lease, we have received no response as of yet to our enquiries.
6. Treasurer's report attached to minutes. Chris ran through the report highlighting income and expenditure. Susannah has agreed to assist Chris in his treasurer's role.
7. Solar Panel Update - these are up and running and generating income. We are still awaiting installation of an emergency panel and a generator switch. These have been funded by a further lottery grant obtained by the committee and the remainder of the funds we hope to use for a cage to protect the batteries from damage. Mario will arrange for a quote for this.
8. Electricity Contract - signed with Octopus. As referred by Mario we received a bonus of £100 and Mario donated his bonus back to the village hall £100 plus £25 gift aid. Thanks to Mario for the benefit of £225 received.
9. Replacement door. The committee agreed the kitchen fire door should be replaced - Chris will apply to the Doris Field Trust to see if we can get a grant before we proceed with this. Flat roof has been quoted for repair but we need two further quotes before going ahead.
10. Store room - requires tidying. Mike will sort a date. Karen will ask Maggie if some items can be removed as appear to be unused. Also other users will be asked to remove unnecessary items. Designated areas for each user was suggested to keep the store room free of clutter.
11. Playground survey - the Stay Safe report noted action required. Mario will speak to the sub-committee to arrange a plan of action for repairs and ongoing checks. Sub-committee members to be invited to meeting on 10.10.23
12. Defibrillator batteries- awaiting information from Al Hopkins. This is the responsibility of the Parish Council. Mario will speak to Al.

13. Amendments to terms and conditions for letting. Draft amendments for the committee to agree regarding bouncy castles to be drafted before the next meeting.
14. Christmas Market. Progress has been made regarding stalls and we are now full. Volunteers are required to help. Raffle and coffee shop arrangements will be finalised at the next meeting. Emphasis is to be on local produce. Promotion discussed and Nina will be asked to design promotional material. Suggested a form for people to sign up to be advised of events to be displayed at Christmas Market.
15. Evacuation procedures - keep under review as at present not deemed relevant as there is good access to the new fire doors in the hall. Chris confirmed that the fire extinguishers have been checked as required.
16. Upcoming Events: Pop up Pub 29th September, Ukulele Night 4th November, Wine Tasting 11th November, Christmas Market 25th November. Discussion regarding some different events such as line dancing, cocktail making, fright night, and film nights. Music quiz deferred to new year.
17. Ken's Plaque. This is to be designed, wording to be agreed with the family. A letter of thanks for the donations received after Ken's funeral to be forwarded to Ken's family and the funeral directors.
18. Date of next meeting 10th October 2023 at 7.30
19. Meeting closed at 9.40pm