

PARISH HALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 22nd May 2023

Present: D. Hazlehurst, J. Pattison-Evans, A. Harris, B. Lomas, J. Lander, SA Lander, P Gilpin

Apologies: T. Hazlehurst, T. Postlethwaite, C. Postlethwaite, C. Phipps

Dan opened the meeting by thanking everyone for electing him firstly onto the Parish Hall committee and then Chairman and Trustee. He and his family thoroughly support the Hall and have shown this over the years. He hoped the support from members going forward would enable the Committee to strengthen and tackle the pressing energy implications.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 17th April were signed as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising:

Outside tap – Dan had arranged for JP McNamara (Plumber) to action. (cost approx. £100)

Bulkheads (timer) – No prices available but after short discussion decided to hopefully replace in full by the winter or just the bulbs. Dan to get prices.

Light over Defibrillator – Dan explained if the electric was off for a short while it then stayed on over the defibrillator. Monitor but did not think anything wrong.

Maintenance:

Electric usage – Dan and Barrie had spoken and a smart meter from Eon had been requested.

Heating – We urgently need to look at a new heating system as this is where most of the electric usage is apportioned to. Dan to look at alternative heating systems (and any other members input would be appreciated).

The Cheque and cash payments into the bank account was discussed and now Dan has access to monitor payments.

Internet banking – Again Dan and Barrie had discussed and the necessary actions are being sorted.

Key Safe – The code has now been changed and will be altered occasionally throughout the year.

Main circuit to the plugs in the main room were compromised the other week and it transpires that it came back to the noise monitor. If a fire door is left open it automatically cuts the electric off which goes back to the days when discos got too loud, they opened doors annoying neighbours etc. Discussions followed and it was felt not to meddle with the noise monitor at the moment after Woodward's checked out the system.

SallyAnne mentioned the three wooden windows which are looking in need of a little TLC – SAL & JL agreed to action.

Treasurers Report –

Barrie informed the committee that there was £1855.00 in the bank.

Change of Trustees – Barrie, Tom & Dan. Paperwork is nearly complete.

Barrie is seeing Gavin Carr tomorrow 23rd May.

Signatories at the bank – Barrie finds there are two names on the records (A. Harris & G. Probyn) which need to be replaced. It was proposed that Dan be a signatory – all in favour.

Barrie informed the committee that the Charity rules have changed but nothing that affects our committee after he read through them. (other than Trustees can get paid!)

Barrie confirmed that on looking through old paperwork the sale of the old parish Hall realised £60K. There is approximately £40K excess which can be used. Rules regarding how and why we use this money, if required, will have to be followed.

The Hall insurance is due soon and a valuation process is looked at when doing this. (one item the insurers harp on about is subsidence – non in Bramshall.

Booking Secretary's Report – Dan gave a short report on behalf of Trudy. Bookings are slow (which we felt was due to families cutting back). Advertising on Face Book already and a piece in the June News Sheet was requested. Dan to action.

Rates – a discussion on putting them up was raised as the cost of the electric for some classes did not get covered by their hourly rate. Consider an increase for September.

The payment for the Election day from ESBC is due any time – this has not altered over the years and perhaps with the energy rates this could be negotiated. Leaving doors open, heating on etc was discussed. ESBC to be updated on who to contact as they still had A.Harris name. Dan & Trudy to action.

Web Page: Cathy left details on the web page usage. 58 visit in April (Hall, Newsletters and Church still popular).

Any Other Business :

Tom has renewed the ICO Data Protection.

Dan distributed a cash forecast for 2023 based on the information he had – there is a deficit envisaged over winter with the present figures we have. Urgent that we clear the electric bill with Eon so that we can negotiate a new supplier.

Next Meeting: Thursday, 22nd June 2023 – 7.15pm in Church.

Signed:

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