

SHOTTESWELL VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13TH SEPTEMBER 2022 (048)

PRESENT: Ben Zammett, Claire Jeffrey, Terry Clark, Linda Clark, Hilary Wareing, George Nell, Anne Omer.

APOLOGIES: Jeanette Coogan, Harriet Jordan.

MINUTES: The minutes of 29th July were agreed and signed. Proposed HW, seconded CJ

MATTERS ARISING: We are awaiting a cost for putting testimonials of hirers on the website.

LETTINGS: Reeves Training will be booking more dates for the hall. Reiki is not coming back and Yoga has still to come back. A ballet, stretch & tone class will be using the hall on Monday mornings and Wednesday evenings. In general lettings have picked up. The table tennis group hasn't got off the ground.

TREASURER'S REPORT: We have £16712 over the two accounts. Just under £5500 is in the C.B.S. account. We are about to be out of contract with B.T. and the fee for being out of contract is about £130. We need prices from B.T. and to look at others. There is an invoice for £123.10 to be paid to S.S.E. and an Offgem refund of £13.69 to set against it. We have spent £5000 more than our income, in the financial year to date, but we did replace the flagpole. Stonework over the door has been replaced and some pointing undertaken. We have spent £600-£700 on recent maintenance and repair work.

COMMITTEE: Names were put forward as possible new members to get back up to eleven committee members. Hilary said that she would be resigning at the A.G.M. She was thanked for the work she had put into being a committee member and vice-chair and for obtaining grants which she would see through. Ben said that he would remain on the committee for one more year. There was discussion about the need to review and update the constitution during the winter and spring. Hilary offered to stay for a short period to help oversee this process.

CLEANING: It was agreed that potential new members needed to be made aware of how much was involved. The meeting agreed that better communication was needed between members on the rota.

WARM HUB: There hasn't been a recent meeting with them. We need to consider whether we remain with them and ascertain whether continuing with them helps with grants. Flyers should go round as to use of the hall for the village, sessions run independently of the village hall committee.

HIRE CHARGES: The majority were in favour of waiting until the Spring to discuss electricity tariffs and hire charges. We would need a clear rationale for putting up charges. Some figures were discussed which showed that our hire charges were neither expensive nor cheap given that we included electricity.

MAINTENANCE:

The new security system suggested by the police has been partially installed. Cables need final fixing. An additional security light is to be installed and a damaged, external cable repaired by Garretts.

There is evidence that roots have ingressed the drainage pipes at the back of the hall. One is clogged and three flow. The main drain running from the under the shed to the boundary has settled a little near the back corner of the hall and standing water is present. It was agreed that we should commission an initial survey of the drains by Bourton Drains and to clear the blockage and then to consider further action based on their report.

The cisterniser on the urinals which works on water pressure is using a lot of water. It was agreed that we buy a new unit (which works on movement sensing) for £232 inc. VAT. A new spur could be fitted by the electrician on his next visit.

GRANTS/FUNDING: We had recently heard that our solar panels planning application had been passed and the first stage of a grant application is already being considered by the funder. The noticeboard grant has been submitted.

A.O.B: The entrance hall mat is showing signs of wear and tear. It was discussed whether we buy a new one or explore the idea of renting one which would be replaced on a monthly basis. Costs would be obtained and the committee contacted by email.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The A.G.M. will be on Tuesday, 22nd November.

Approved by committee 22nd November 2022.

B Jammett