

SHOTTESWELL VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19TH SEPTEMBER 2023 (055)

PRESENT: B. Zammett, C. Jeffrey, T. Clark, L. Clark, H. Jordan, A. Omer, H. Wareing, J. Coogan, G. Nell,
J. Barker.

MINUTES: Minutes of 11th July were agreed. Proposed HW. Seconded AO.

MATTERS ARISING:

The new birthday board was still not satisfactory; not up to the standard of the first board. We now have three.

The promotion flyer needs to be printed and distributed. Cost of printing to be checked first. Discussion as to where to advertise locally and beyond to attract small businesses. The banner is being displayed periodically near the main road and it was thought we may be able to get funding for a larger banner.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The current balance is £14748 of which £3452 is held in the Co-op Bank. Interest rates with the Co-op Bank have gone up. There is a refund of £562 due from BT which should arrive soon. Thanks to the fete committee we received £1900. The Hallmaster cost is £225. August was a quiet month for bookings. Terry initiated discussion about the hall's address and postcode with different utility companies.

NEW HIRE RATES:

HW and others had undertaken a detailed analysis of bookings in the last twelve months and considered overheads against income. It was agreed unanimously to increase the hourly rate from £9 to £11 per hour and that this should be effective from 1st October to coincide with the end of our current SSE contract and the new contract rates which are significantly higher. It was also agreed that the contribution from the Parish Council should be increased from £50 to £60 per year.

GRANT FUNDING:

The application for solar panels, new main doors, digital CCTV and new lighting for the hall and kitchen had been submitted but no notification received back yet. These measures would improve our carbon footprint and reduce costs.

MAINTENANCE:

We agreed to get a quote from a decorator to smarten up the hall and disabled toilet but the work would not be done until after the work on lighting had been done. We would take advice on whether we should be using a more durable paint.

A neighbour had commented on the perimeter wall near the turkey oak and we advised that we had been and would continue to monitor it.

Repainting of shed and removal of ivy still to be done.

A.O.B.

Waterproof tablecloths needed replacing and we considered buying the cloth on a roll as this could prove to be more flexible and cheaper. Agreed that HW should purchase two more black aprons.

New toaster required as the present one is malfunctioning.

It was suggested that some kind of covering, possibly from the old waterproof tablecloths, could be used on top of the kitchen cupboards to aid cleaning.

It was agreed to continue the 100 Club which has 43 members at present for another year. A flyer would be distributed as soon as possible.

The mobile Warm Hub would be visiting on three successive Fridays from 10.00 to 12.00 starting this week. Little time to publicise.

The curry van is coming to the hall carpark this Friday.

It has been confirmed that the Shotteswell Newsletter will not be continuing as unfortunately not enough people have come forward to form an editorial team. Thus the village will lose an informative publication.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The A.G.M. will take place on Tuesday, 21st November.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Minutes Approved by committee - 21st November 2023.

B Jammett