



Trustees Meeting
Tuesday 20th October 2020 at 6pm

Minutes taken at the meeting

Present: Nick Viney, Rob Lobley, Rick Gould (p/t), Jack Ross, John Hynan, Claire Barnes, Claude Bonfanti, Maggie Hardy, Ceri Vosper (Parish Council).

1. Apologies – Dawn Cosh, Charles O'Reilly,

2. Minutes of last meeting

Matters arising

- Thanks to Dawn for completing the minutes for the previous meeting.
- Welcome to newcomers (including updating Village Directory). Nick has prepared two letters, one for newcomers and the other to encourage existing residents to join Village Directory. Nick to distribute the list to trustees as only Claire has had hers so far. Claire offered to follow up on behalf of all trustees with a second attempt for those villagers unobtainable or unresponsive.
- Use of Hall as Dorset Community Rest Centre – Rob had been sent a questionnaire from the Council and required some input from Trustees in order to finalise a response. Rob to now return this to the Council.
- John provided a recommendation with regard to insurance renewal which was agreed (see below).

3. Hall Accessibility

- Many thanks to Alan Cosh for installing the two hand sanitisers
- Jack commented that he had made some changes to the website encouraging people to contact Rob for further information about bookings for the Hall
- In keeping with the COVID restriction "Rule of 6", the Hall was only available for small meetings. Rob mentioned there had not been any requests for bookings except for PASH.
- It was agreed that the Trustees would support PASH as they have supported the village for years and so long as it was COVID compliant, the hall would be available for the Christmas Market. It would also provide some activity in what is forecast to be a quiet and uneventful build up to Christmas. Rob to follow up.
- It was noted that anyone using the Hall must provide track and trace register. A fly sheet could be provided for this.

4. Work on the School House

- Rick stated it is taking longer than expected to move this project forward, however some progress has been made regarding the bathroom pipework and fan

- Next stage is to get a quote for the roof and to ascertain costs for completing the bathroom task (tiles, vent etc) and windows.
- Once Nick Kenchington responds with the information regarding the roof, Rick can then approach the builders for the quote and provide the treasurer with some firm budgets by the end of the year.

5. Finance

- Trustees approved the insurance renewal recommendation which had come from the brokers Norris & Fisher
- The new 3-year electricity contract with SSE will save the Hall £30 p.a. John mentioned that the Hall was currently in credit and would submit a meter reading
- Approval was given to allocate an additional £100 linked to plant sales to the MyTime fundraising pot
- Year on year ending September there is a £11,741 change on the balance sheet which is largely attributable to the £10k grant from the Dorset Council. Current gross assets are £62,452. John will update and recirculate the figures.

6. AOB

- New Chair. Nick to give this some further thought.
- Jack mentioned the requirement to find communications support was becoming an urgent matter and would therefore consider how to progress it through publicity
- Carols on the Green and other indoor/outdoor social events are restricted by the “rule of 6”. On that basis all activities until further notice would have to be organized by household or bubble or go virtual.
- Various suggestions were made to help keep up morale through for example the Film club transferring online, online quizzes etc but the key focus should be on supporting isolated neighbours and villagers who may need extra support. Nick would approach the PCC for information and offer our support. All trustees to consider who might need or appreciate some extra help over the coming months. Claire would try to re-ignite the WhatsApp group as a positive benefit although not all villagers have a smart phone.
- Maggie mentioned that The Rotary Sleigh could be available to the village and could provide more information so that people could come to the green independently.
- Claire offered to investigate what other villages are doing to support their communities and feedback to the group.
- The consensus was that Trustees would keep in touch by email over the coming weeks to share information and respond to the needs of the villagers during these difficult times.

Next Meeting Wednesday, 20th January 2021

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