



Worth Matrovers Village Hall

Trustees Meeting

Tuesday 6th April 2021 at 6pm

Minutes taken at the meeting

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

1. Apologies

Maggie Hardy and Charles O'Reilly were not present due to their resignation as trustees prior to the meeting. Their pictures remain on the website for now noting their retirement and the village thanking them for their service.

2. Minutes of last meeting

Matters arising

- Thanks to Dawn for completing the minutes for the previous meeting
- Discussion was had about recent newcomers to the village and to ensure they are welcomed and included in the Directory if possible
- Ceri mentioned that the plan to erect the mast in the car park was underway and offered to distribute more details such as the Company and email address following her imminent PC Meeting. **(Action CV)**
- Thanks was expressed to the PC for fixing the water leak in the road. Ceri was to pass this on at her meeting.
- Nick requested that the PC consider contributing to the cost of refurbishing the village hall and schoolhouse. A sum of £15k was suggested as this was half of the anticipated net costs. **(Action CV)**
- Ceri mentioned that the PC are getting quotes for updating the playpark to improve layout and equipment. This was well received.

3. Work on the School House and Hall

- Following a 'sub-committee' meeting in January, it was decided to obtain quotes from Brian Glassock, Jerry Burden and Harrison & Wilson. A detailed schedule of works was sent to BG & JB. H&W declined if the work was to be undertaken this year
- Following meetings on site with BG & JB the schedule was revised to include additions and omissions agreed on their advice. The response from the builders is still being awaited. Rick confirmed he would continue to chase. **(Action RG)**
- Rick commented that it seems all builders are busy, and it may be that we cannot achieve very much this year, and perhaps then worth involving H&W.
- It was agreed to have another 'sub' meeting when the builders come back with quotes and decide best course of action. Jack offered additional support **(Action RG/DC/JR)**
- With Dawn's help, further investigation has been made regarding the need to improve drainage in conjunction with the guttering. Other dilapidations are unresolved or coming to light and these will continue to be monitored.
- In the light of further grant receipts, it was agreed that defects should be fully resolved rather than effect repeated repairs. This would also be less disruptive and better received by Kerry, our tenant.

- Separately, Rick noted that the boundary wall repair had been completed and wished thanks to be noted for Jim McAllister's assistance. Jim contributed half the repair cost, removed the damaging shrubs etc. He has been working entirely on trust and remote information, due to covid restrictions. Nick offered to write him a note of thanks. **(Action NV)**

4. Opening Up the Hall

- Rob reported on future bookings which included the election in early May and a potential wedding in July. It is assumed PASH will go ahead 15th July-end August. Beyond that there was another wedding with a deposit paid and a booking for a running event
- It was agreed that the fete will not take place in 2021, however the plant sale would continue at the end of May given last year's success and also a bric a brac stall. Jack mentioned that the Dubber have offered their cover for this. It was mentioned that Langton also had a plant sale planned in May. Some Trustees volunteered to help with the event including Claude and Claire.
- It was suggested that a COVID clean would be required in the Hall after the election. Rob to ask Sparkle to complete this. **(Action RL)**
- It would also be appropriate to ask Dorset council to collect rubbish from the point of opening up **(Action RL)**
- Regarding events, it was agreed that a low-key picnic would be a good idea to allow people to mix again, should they wish. This would be held on 10th July 12pm onwards. People would be asked to bring their own food and drinks. Some music might be organised to help create a bit of atmosphere. In due course an announcement will be made.
- Following this, an event at the pub in the Autumn was suggested by Nick. Nick to discuss further with Kevin at the S&C. Claire to offer support if required. **(Action NV/CB)**

5. New Trustees

The Committee discussed the need to appoint new Trustees to replace the three who have resigned since the beginning of 2020. Jack suggested a request for volunteers could be included on the website at the time of the AGM/year end posting and also in future e-blasts. **(Action JR)**

6. Finance

- Trustees approved the accounts for YE 31st December 2020.
- It was agreed that the reserves would be increased to reflect the cost of the planned improvements.
- Financial results would be posted on the website and comments would be invited. This would replace an AGM. Nick Viney to prepare the Report by the end of April. **(Action NV)**
- It was agreed that John and Claire could introduce a cash free option for the plant sale as the cost was minimal and it would provide an opportunity to test for future events. **(Action JH/CB)**

7. AOB

Claire to explore local options for outsourcing website and other digital needs and report back at next meeting **(Action CB)**

Post the meeting Rick suggested that the work on the ladies toilets should be added to building works and costs

Next Meeting 6pm Tuesday 8th June 2021 on Zoom