



**Trustees Meeting
Tuesday 11th January 2022
Minutes taken at the meeting held at the Village Hall**

Present: Nick Viney, Jack Ross Rob Lobley, Rick Gould, John Hynan, Ali Arnold, Claire Barnes, Claude Bonfanti, Ceri Vosper (Parish Council), Liz Hoad (PCC)

1. **Apologies** – Dawn Cosh & **Welcome** to new members Ali Arnold and Liz Hoad (Liz being the PCC's nominated Trustee)
2. **Minutes of last meeting**
Thanks to DC for taking the minutes last time, Claire Barnes offered to take over minute taking on a regular basis

Matters arising.

Nick Viney to send letter of thanks to John Strange for the water urn and John English for the new village hall sign.

3. Parish Council

- Regarding the West Burton Field, CV reported that this would now be rented from the Church rather than bought
- To ensure wider circulation of the Minutes, the PC will be reporting these on their new website and in the Dubber
- CV confirmed that playground improvements were on track and will be made in the Spring
- CV volunteered that the PC might be able to support the village Centenary in July with the cost and erection of a marquee at the pub.

4. Work on the School House and Hall

RG said that progress was slow, but work has started on the School House.

- RG confirmed that the sitting room wall had dried out and the plasterboard had been replaced
- The bathroom was also drying out and a new fan was helping eliminate damp problem
- A new shed had been provided
- The TV aerial has been moved and is being replaced
- A lengthy discussion took place about the log burner and appropriate type of heating for the dwelling. JH expressed concern about safety and risk associated with the log burner in respect of the Village Hall's responsibility as landlord
- A second quote will be coming through for replacement guttering. The first quoted cost was £10k. RG mentioned that given the location and historical importance of the building, a quality solution probably of aluminum was better than a cheap option

- Discussions also took place about the 4 windows, two of which are at the front of the Village Hall. The options suggested by Jerry Burden were £5000 for plastic windows and £8000 for timber/hardwood incl decoration. RG preferred the timber option given these could be redecorated when appropriate.

Further thought about replacement windows, guttering and log burner to be given by the Village Hall Sub Committee

5. Village Communications/ website

- Thanks was expressed to Claire Barnes and Tim Arnold for the recent newsletter
- RL mentioned that the bookings page on the new website was fully functional
- CB requested that space on the VH website was made available to the Worth Planet Action Group (name change imminent) given the importance of its work in the village. This was agreed
- JR mentioned that it would be beneficial to have an events page which would include upcoming and historical events

6. Village Events

- Carols on the Green – Saturday 18th Dec. Deemed a great success both in attendance and raising funds for the Swanage food bank
- Film night – Likely to be reinstated in March subject to COVID situation (Claude)
- Italian Evening more likely to take place March/Springtime (Claude)
- Centenary Celebration 9/10th July 2022. NV waiting for confirmation from Square & Compass about erecting a marquee in the pub garden for the required date. It was suggested that the marquee could be used for other events such as the Jubilee picnic if the weather was poor. NV reported that so far there had been a couple of zoom meetings for people interested in helping with the event. A smaller Centenary action group was being created to ensure ideas and plans were effectively implemented
- JR suggested the village Fete was best held on Saturday 28th May which was the start of the half term week. This could be followed on Saturday (4th June) with a bring your own picnic on the green. JR to investigate availability of stall holders for the fete. When confirmed a separate meeting will take place for contributors and information will be shared in a VH newsletter
- A date for a garden safari to showcase village gardens, including areas that have been rewilded was to be agreed and organized with Yvonne Spencer. Likely to be June.

6. VH Chairs

Replacement chairs for the Village Hall have been under discussion for several years. Jenny Hynan and Claire Barnes had arranged for some samples to be delivered by a supplier for consideration. A spreadsheet was distributed which provided information about each chair including cost, type of fabric/material, stacking volume, weight and dimensions. 60 chairs would cost £4-5k.

It was agreed that a further chair sample should be arranged which would provide more comfort and support for an extended period of seating. This might more expensive and have less stacking capability, but a compromise of some sort would be necessary. A choice will be made once the additional sample had arrived.

Thanks to Jenny for her initiative on this.

7. Finance

- JH presented an overview of the Treasurer's Report and accounts pack for year ended 31 December. These included the P&L, Balance Sheet and various commentaries therein. The final page which is a 10-year summary includes a simple budget for 2022.
- The Committee noted the impact of the estimated cash spend of £25,000 (£20,000 Repairs plus £5,000 chairs) in 2022 on the Trust's resources. This would be kept under review.
- Overall, it was reported that the numbers were looking good with a £20k surplus.
- The Committee thanked JH for his work on this

8. New Trustees. The Charm Offensive

NV is keen to ascertain the opinions of the wider community as to what improvements could be made in the village. To this end, there will be a get together organized for a Saturday lunchtime with newcomers to the village, including those people living in Old Quarry Close. The date will be shared with the Committee so that members could attend if available.

9. AOB

- AGM planned date is 7pm 12th April
- JH mentioned a smart meter had now been installed in the village hall
- Discussions were held about whether to change the key code on the VH box as it was becoming well known. There is however, an obligation to make the hall accessible. If PASH wanted to change it on a temporary basis when they had an exhibition that might be a solution to manage risk.
- JH noted that, in his view PASH are not covered by the Hirer's Extension in our insurance policy since they are a "for profit organization". He had discussed this issue with Di Quinn and had agreed to approach our insurers to see if they would either include PASH in the Extension or offer cover for a premium.

Next Committee meeting 6.30pm 10th May

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