



Minutes of the Trustees Meeting held on 12th September 2023

Trustees Present: Nick Viney-Chair, Jack Ross, Claude Bonfanti, Rick Gould, Claire Barnes, Angela Wenham, David Ainscough,

Also present p/t –Parish Council Representative Ceri Vosper,

1. Chair opened the meeting.

Apologies – Ali Arnold, Rob Lobley, John Hynan, Pete Newton & also Liz Hoad (PCC Representative)

Minute taker – Claire Barnes (CB)

2. Parish Council matters

- CV reported that Cherry Brooks will be conducting a site meeting relating to the kerb issue outside Village Hall. A solution will then be proposed.
- CV to enquire about dates for PC meetings in Worth Village Hall and revert to alternate months asap.
- Due to complaints about general rubbish being put into dog bin near village green, bin will be removed, and dog waste to be put in general waste.
- Regarding grit bin, it was suggested this might best be placed along London row near Happy Cottage which is located near the main hazard area.

3. Minutes of last meeting.

- Liz Hoad is liaising with RL regarding church services in the VH during the time that the Church roof is being repaired. It was mentioned that there could be a clash with PASH if they are in residence, however it was noted that according to records, there are no bookings made for the Church during December.
- Following discussions about the cable in the lawn, the risks associated with this, and lack of support from SSE, it was agreed that wooden pegs only should be used in the grass outside the VH for the foreseeable future. DC offered that Alan Cosh will investigate the problem and ascertain what might be done to resolve the hazard.
- It was noted that RL had been to Harmans Cross to assess which solar panels and supplier they had used for their VH. RL to follow up by getting a quote for our own VH.
- CB gave notice that she will be stepping down as a Trustee in approximately 6 months. It was agreed someone new needed to take on publicity. NV and DC offered to approach various contacts.

4. Work on Village Hall and School House

- Windows at the back of the hall have been fixed. Stonework and further roof repairs carried out and the lintel to the schoolhouse replaced, for which we are grateful to Basil Foot.
- Spillers in Wareham have provided a quote for the work required at hall entrance. A quote for replacement gutters will also be briefed to Spillers.
- As there has been no response from Harris & Co, it was agreed John Taylor would be approached to do circuit repairs and other electrical tasks.
- It is estimated that redecoration of the Hall and new lighting would take 4 weeks to complete. As

this was quite urgent, NV to check with Liz Hoad if the Church could find an alternative venue for their services, should it be necessary.

- RG stated that repairs to the water heater in the kitchen will be covered by the supplier if the current problem is linked to a faulty sensor.
- A discussion took place about the cleaning and maintenance of the VH. The concern being that the Hall should always be clean and in good shape for hirers. It was felt that a conversation between AA and RL would help clarify what the current situation is and what solution would be most appropriate.
- It was agreed that the ladies loos could be smartened up. AW volunteered to assess what needs doing and provide outline costs.
- The broken lock in the shed has been repaired and new keys provided. Thanks to DA for sorting this out.

5. Website and Marketing Comms.

- Nothing much to report. Comms are running smoothly and it was felt the monthly newsletters were useful and informative.

6. Future Events

- National Trust. NV/JR/DC to meet with Tom Clarke to determine best approach for future meetings with the local community.
- Bring and share supper planned for 25th November in the VH. AA and AW organizing
- AW to speak to Lyn about treasure hunt and whether it will still go ahead.
- There is a champagne reception in the VH on 14th October to announce the winning raffle ticket in support of the Church Roof fund. Tickets are available for the event and for the raffle. Contact Charles O'Reilly or Hugh Cochrane.
- Carols will be on the Green again this year as the Church will be closed. The agreed date is Thursday 21st December. NV to approach Tim Arnold about music.

7. Finance

- Thanks to JH (absent) for providing the Treasurers report. The profit for 7 months ending 31 July 2023 was £588 (2022 was £1,157). Income has increased from £6,270 to £6,939, whilst expenses in the period have also increased from £5,158 to £6,672.
- It was agreed that a meeting will be set up including RG/JR/DC/AW in November for an update on building and repairs costs for the VH.

8. AOB

Nothing was tabled.

Next meeting 6.30pm Tuesday 23rd January 2024 (this has been changed from 9th)