



Minutes of the Trustees Meeting held on 2nd May 2023

Trustees Present: Nick Viney-Chair, John Hynan, Jack Ross, Claude Bonfanti, Rick Gould, Rob Lobley, Claire Barnes, Pete Newton, Angela Wenham, David Ainscough,
Also present p/t – PCC Representative Liz Hoad, Parish Council Representative Ceri Vosper,

1. Chair opened the meeting and welcomed new Trustees

Apologies – Dawn Cosh, Ali Arnold

Minute taker – Claire Barnes (CB)

2. Parish Council matters

- CV to check dates following the agreement with PC to alternate location of meetings between with Harmans Cross and Worth
- Liz Hoad thanked the PC for replacing the grass on the village green near the pond following the car in pond incident
- Chair requested two grit bins be installed. One at top of Winspit Road and the other by the pub. CV to raise at PC meeting and revert
- RG asked whether the footpath outside VH might be redirected and re-laid. CV to raise the issue with PC.
- JH to check the £200 contribution from the PC towards the marquee has arrived in VH bank account

3. PCC

- Liz Hoad thanked Claude for the significant sum raised in aid of the Church Roof Fund from the Notre Dame film event.
- The Church roof repairs are currently out to tender. It is expected that the church will be closed for 8-9 months probably from September. LH requested use of the VH when required as an alternative venue. Existing bookings are visible on VH website. LH agreed to keep Claire B in the loop regarding timings or repairs so information can be included in village comms.

4. Minutes of last meeting.

- Minutes were approved

5. Work on Village Hall and School House

- Work is progressing as detailed in the recent AGM. Leak issue has been solved, there is more work to do on the School House chimney. Dawn Cosh is due to check the damp issue with her meter.
- Whilst we are currently working within budget, it was noted that fund raising may be necessary to help finance future works.
- Cable in the lawn and erection of marquee. It was agreed as a temporary measure, that metal stakes can be used in some parts of the lawn where it is known there is no hidden cable, in other areas wooden pegs will be used for safety reasons. A long-term strategy will be agreed at the next meeting.

- NV shared information regarding a meeting about Solar Panels on 13th May. Unfortunately, no one is available to attend however Rob Lobley offered to approach Harmans Cross VH directly to discuss their solar panel installation.
- Kitchen improvements. It was agreed that following the quote received for repairs, a further discussion would be had with the supplier to ascertain cost of replacing rather than repairing Burco boiler. It was agreed to proceed on repairing the dishwasher. Rick Gould to action.

6. Website and Marketing Comms.

Marketing comms in hand for Fete. CB to distribute more posters to help increase attendance.

7. Future Events

- JR is seeking help with site preparations for Coronation Picnic. A volunteer to manage music still to be found; Angela Wenham offered to step in if possible.
- Regarding Fete, DA agreed to put up the 24 new signs around the wider area. Erection of the 4 large signs is imminent.
- National Trust. NV reported that a meeting had recently been held with the National Trust when they explained how they intend to redesign and use the farm buildings. Key points were that the National Trust will be focusing on accessibility for people with disabilities and that there is a plan to team up with MyTime and offer facilities for young carers in one of the outside barns. The NT envisage their plans will evolve in a timely manner so that they can ascertain what works best and pitch internally for budgets when appropriate.
There have been no developments regarding road access to the campsite. The access charge required by landowner to provide another route is prohibitively high.
NV suggested a village meeting which included a walk about would be best approach. Perhaps this could be in June. NV/CB to progress.
- Jack Ross suggested the Village BBQ is set for the Saturday of the Bank holiday in August (not the Monday when visitors tend to go home)
- Village Treasure Hunt to be discussed next time.

7. Finance

JH presented Treasurers Report for the three months ending 31st March 2023.

- The loss for the period is £319 (2022 profit £1,296). Income for the period has fallen from £2,309 to £1,975 due to a timing difference on receipt of Wayleave from the SSE. Expenses have increased, due mainly to new Notice Board and repairs.
- £2,885 has been spent on the School House, largely work on the bathroom and lounge.
- There is a reduction in cash balances from £54,329 at year end to £51,151 as at 31st March.
- The 2022 Return was filed with the Charity Commission on 6th March.

8. AOB

- David Ainscough asked if we can move more quickly to manage VH improvements, however feedback was there is currently not enough money to do all required. Also, builders are currently overstretched and not available.
- JH to review the completed risk assessment documentation for VH.

Next meeting Tuesday 12th September 6.30pm