

Village Hall Meeting 19th March 2019

1. Apologies - Andrea Biss

2. Minutes of last meeting -

TOILETS - A discussion took place regarding the toilets which had been having issues. A big thank you from the committee to Tony Dewhirst for all his efforts in rectifying things was agreed.

100 CLUB - All monies bar a couple of outstanding names have been collected resulting in 142 members. Therefore we have £1692 and will need to distribute £825 out as prizes to abide by lottery regulations. It was agreed to have prizes as follows starting with the February draw:

This being two x £50 prizes with the draw taking place every two months so the next draw will be in April followed by one in June, August and October finishing off with the big and final December draw with prizes of £150, £100, £50 and £25 for that one. It was highlighted at the meeting that winning numbers are excluded from future draws with the exception of the December draw when all numbers are included regardless.

Winners of the February draw were:

124 - Julia Orin

146 - Karen Prosser.

FARMERS MARKET - It was reported that only one negative comment had been received concerning the proposal of a Farmers Market at Corfe Village Hall and this was in regard to possible parking issues. The consensus was that having discussed with possible producers best days and times an evening market from 4.00pm - 7.00pm might be a good starting point this taking place on either a Thursday or Friday on a twice monthly basis in conjunction with current hall bookings. To promote and encourage quality producers to attend, and help the event to appeal, it was agreed that no charge would be made in the first instance – the usual Farmers Market fee is £20 per stall as a guideline. Future charging may occur or perhaps a form of bartering if this proved more cost effective for all those involved.

VILLAGE WEBSITE - Comments had been made that the Village Website was in need of modernising in some way especially regarding advertising which could be done in a better way. Ruishton Village website was sighted as a good example of a more modern site and this feedback will be pointed out to those who currently maintain Corfe Village Website. New photographs and easier access to minutes of village meetings and events was discussed and a thought that easier links was required. Keith Gosling referred to obtaining assistance from a Web Master friend of his who currently maintained Ruishton Village site might be possible

if improvement was agreed upon by those who currently maintain Corfe Village site.

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS/OPENING/SHUTTING - David Royle was asked how hall bookings were placed and if the website calendar could show what time the hall was actually booked for as current practice had it appearing to be booked for a complete day even if this was just an AM or PM booking so potential custom was being missed. A suggestion was proposed that another hall member should have email access for website population and that an AM or a PM be added to part day bookings on the website.

David Royle has requested that help be provided to assist with the opening and closing of the hall. A rota list that is currently being used will now be updated to include those willing to assist and keys will be forthcoming to these volunteers as well as an instruction sheet on what to do if given the task.

KEY HOLDING BOX - A Key holding box attached to the hall has been agreed upon. This will be robust and coded box to assist with bookings and clubs. Tony Dewhirst will be approached to install this item.

HEATING/WATER USAGE - Concerns regarding heating and water usage excesses was voiced. A timer switch associated with leaving the hall was suggested for heating and Tony Dewhirst will be asked for comment and costs regarding this in due course.

HALL FLOORING - The hall floor is in need of serious refurbishment and it was agreed that this was now a major concern that would require professional action of sanding and sealing. Keith Gosling reported that current reserves were better than expected so it was agreed to look into getting this done in the new financial year which begins in April.

KITCHEN DOOR/MENS TOILET DOOR - New doors have been given the go ahead and the Parish Council have agreed to fund up to £350 towards the expected £700 - £750 cost. Tony Dewhirst will be asked to proceed.

THREE YEAR PLAN - A three year refurbishment plan proposal was aired and it was agreed to add this as an agenda item for our next meeting.

TEA GATE - Sue Ford reported that various amounts of tea were still being stolen from the locked cupboard in the kitchen and was annoyed and bemused as to how and why this was occurring. A proposal to have a new lock installed was aired and accepted as the best way forward. Tony Dewhirst will be approached to do this work while involved with the new doors installment.

HALL NOTICEBOARD - The Hall noticeboard and sign are currently being refurbished. Daren aired concerns that work on the hall walls was still required as it was not the finished article and that this would commence once the weather improved and could he be informed when the noticeboard was ready to ensure that all was well.

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FLOWER SHOWS - A reminder about the flower and produce show on 30th March was raised. The gardening club will be responsible for this show but the village hall will be responsible for the August flower show and a BBQ or similar village event was proposed to encourage attendance and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

FINANCES - Keith Gosling reported that current finances show we have savings of £4000 so are in a better than expected position. This leaves us with an unexpected £1000 with which to work with in this financial year, beginning in April. A few outstanding debts still exist which was surprising and those involved will be approached.

PARISH COUNCIL LAND - Access for hall maintenance of Parish Council land now sealed off and maintained by our neighbour was discussed. Concerns as to its future ownership if the property were to be sold was raised and it was agreed to obtain written confirmation that this is Parish Council land and that it has a non-binding maintenance agreement with our neighbour associated to it should be obtained and that the Parish Council could be asked to seek this out once informed.

WINDOW CLEANING - Window cleaning was also discussed as no contract currently exists for this duty and windows have been reported as very grubby. A window cleaner will be sought and costed for a possible six cleans per year contract.

Date of next meeting - This will take place on either **23rd or 25th April** once village hall activities have been confirmed.