

Minutes of the Corfe Village Hall and Queens Acre Committee held on Wednesday 19th June 2019

1. Apologies - Sheila Andrews, Sue Ford.

2. Minutes of the meeting held 19th March 2019 - These were discussed and agreed.

3. Corfe Farmers Market Thursday 27th June 2019 (6.00pm - 8.00pm) - This will be the first market with 8 stall holders having indicated to the Chair that they would be present on the day with stalls on the Queens Acre. Future markets are being proposed on a twice monthly basis with no charge proposed to the stall holders at present for exhibiting as the idea is to bring a useful convenience to villagers and visitors. Charging to exhibitors will be considered in due course but our hope is that the venture will prove to be popular and beneficial to both villagers and traders alike?

Creation of signage was discussed and agreed upon to highlight location and date of market. These would be placed at each end of the village and should be erected within the next week to maximise impact.

4. Hall Flooring and proposed three-year improvement plan - The refurbishment of the hall floor was discussed. This has been identified as the first project in a three-year plan of hall improvements and works will begin on 19th August involving closure of the hall to clubs and societies during that week. Apologies will be issued to those affected but this is vital work that will ensure long-term future use of the hall. Works will be complete in time for the August Flower Show.

In year two, the painting of the inside of the hall with improvements to the storage cupboards at the back of the hall currently used by the indoor bowls group have been proposed. The possible replacement of metal beading on the outside walls, which are now showing signs of decay, has also been highlighted. Tony Dewhirst will be approached for comment and costings.

For year three, an upgrade of the kitchen has been proposed. This will need a proper assessment to determine what needs replacing/improving as this is a key area for the hall which has not been done for a few years.

5. Hall Key Box - A wall-safe for hall keys has now been installed for hall users. It has been agreed by those present to trial an opening/shutting system to assist with hire and for those opening and shutting the hall usual procedure will be the mainstay but on occasions the location of a key set with a code to open the safe could prove to be beneficial to all users and volunteers.

6. Queens Acre Access - It has been agreed to install a locking gate for future access to Queens Acre for contractors and hall users on occasions. Tony Dewhirst has been given the work. This follows damage being reported to existing fence and parking post. Cost of the works will, it is hoped, be met by the Parish Council.

7. Hall Electricity Supply Turn Off - It has been reported that interruptions to the electrical

power supply have, at times, left the hall without adequate heating. The issue relates to individuals turning off the power supply and not restoring it within the circuit box area, a practice that must stop as only certain groups have access to this cupboard, and if power is not restored other users suffer. A correct procedure will be made available to hall users and this should be adhered to to avoid any future problems.

8. S106 Funds - The Parish Council still has outstanding monies available to it for the purchase of recreational equipment/facilities creation as a result of the new housing development that was created at Newton Court. These monies must be used by April 2021 or they will be returned to the County Council if nothing can be identified. The Village Hall Committee has been approached for possible ideas and this will remain as an agenda item for future meetings to allow feedback to the Parish Council. Correspondence sent to the Parish Council on what the monies can actually be used for will be sought?

A.O.B - The Toddler Group will now be meeting on Fridays commencing in September.

The Bridge Club and Pilates club clash of dates in October has been sorted.

The Monies for the Blackdown Youth Club have been paid over from the Corfe Allotment Charity.

A Quiz night has been proposed to help bolster hall funds. The Chair will approach the usual quizmaster for some available dates in September.

A Repair Cafe has been approached for some possible dates. The Chair will look into this for us. It will need to be run on a Saturday operating from 10am-12.30pm to avoid clashing with other hall hirers. It is hoped to commence with this in August/September.

100 Club June Draw - The winners of the 100 club June draw were announced.

Keith Gosling and Tim Jenkins were the lucky £50 winners.

Date of next Meeting - 11th September at 7.00pm at Brookside.