

Corfe Village Hall meeting 13th November 2019

1. APOLOGIES - Sue Ford

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – A discussion took place to remind us of what had been discussed at the 18th September meeting. Most items from those previous meeting were going to be covered in our proposed agenda. Minutes were approved on the night.

3. ACTIONS FROM THOSE MINUTES –

Corfe Repair Café - A proposal to establish a Repair Café has been put on hold. It was agreed that the effort involved requires a very dedicated team of volunteers with plenty of time on their hands. Our Chair and her husband had visited Hemyock Repair Café to understand better what was required? This proved to be very useful visit. It was felt that Hemyock Cafe could be used by our villagers who may have items they wish to have repaired and will be encouraged.

Excessive Water Usage - Keith Gosling has been running an experiment with Wessex water to monitor our current water usage and it is reported that things have now sorted themselves out. We will continue to monitor as this could have proved costly if not reported thank you to Keith for his efforts on this.

Village Hall Floor – The Village Hall Floor has now been restored and payment has been made. Chairs have also been purchased from another village hall and are proving to be good value for money and more comfortable than our existing models. Storage of these will need addressing in due course and this is being reviewed for best option.

4. TREASURERS REPORT –

We have £4500 in our account and a further £875 in a savings account. Finances remain balanced at present from current user hire. Increasing hall hiring charges for the coming year was considered but dismissed due mainly to the fact that the last increase only took place last year. However, a more consistent approach on hire charges for certain users was called for on the night to avoid complaints of unfair practice and a gradual increase will be applied in the coming years to bring these into line.

5. CORFE FARMERS MARKET. FUTURE MARKETS FOR 2020 –

A discussion took place regarding the future dates for the farmers markets in 2020. Traders and villagers have enjoyed the markets of 2019 in which we considered them to be more of a community benefit than a fund raiser and want them to continue in 2020. Traders, despite not being charged for a pitch did however feel that a once a month market approach compared to the twice monthly may prove to be better practice so we will now run them on this basis. Weather permitting, they will be staged outside starting in March/April and running through until October with a Christmas craft and food fair in November. A more robust approach to advertising using social media and radio as well as local magazines/newsletters will be implemented. Daren Oram proposed that we invest in some proper signage other than the temporary aids we have at present and this was agreed and researched. A proposal to encourage traders to provide an item or two for a 'Corfe Farmers Market Christmas Hamper' in appreciation for not having to pay pitch charges that could be raffled for village hall funds was proposed for 2020.

6. VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS –

We welcomed Ruth Pickles on to our committee and thanked her for stepping into the role of bookings co-ordinator. Ruth will ensure that all future and present Village Hall bookings are matched with our digital calendar and that hirers requirements for hire are forwarded to those setting out the hall for the day. David Royle will continue to be the technical advisor to new hirers offering a viewing of the hall and be dealing with questions and to demonstrate hall assets if called upon. A proposal to create a digital/hard copy form that could be populated by hirers when placing a booking to detail their needs to avoid excessive e-mails and phone calls was suggested and Ruth agreed to create one for us to trial.

7. CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR SOCIAL –

An idea for a social gathering for Christmas/New Year was discussed but felt to be too challenging an event to organise this time around. Corfe will however be having a lighting of the Christmas tree lights and Christmas Stars event and all Villagers are encouraged to attend and make this a good pre-Christmas social gathering. A Corfe General Knowledge Quiz will be organised sometime during 2020 to bolster Village Hall funds.

8. S106 REMAINING FUNDS IDEAS –

A Summerhouse cabin that could incorporate picnic benches for 2-3 year olds was the only new proposal. The Chair felt that this needed careful location consideration as the play area is already well populated and a further item would prove excessive.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

The 100 Club draw for the two £50 prizes was made. The winning numbers were as follows:

123 - Justin Palmer 16 - Tina Finchett

Fresh Fish Deliveries - Please note you can order fresh fish and have this delivered. Phone Frank Houlding on 07929420236 or (01823)277669 or email on frankholding@googlemail.com to discuss and place an order.

Thai Curry Night - Has been proposed and this will be happening in March.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING –

This will take place in mid- January a proposal for **Wednesday 16th January** at Brookside was made.