

Corfe Village Hall meeting 11th March 2020

PLEASE NOTE THAT SINCE OUR MEETING THE VILLAGE HALL IS NO LONGER TAKING BOOKINGS AND THE QUEEN'S ACRE IS NO LONGER OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

APOLOGIES - Sue Ford, Sheila Andrews

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING –

A discussion took place to remind us of what had been discussed at the 16th January meeting. Agreed that outstanding items would be covered in our proposed agenda. Minutes were approved on the night.

2. ACTIONS FROM THOSE MINUTES –

Excessive Water Usage - Keith Gosling had been in dispute with Wessex Water for nearly 3 months but his endeavours have now succeeded in reducing what was an enormous bill for the Village Hall to a more acceptable amount and the hall committee are very grateful to him for being so tenacious in his negotiations.

Village Hall Bookings – Hall bookings other than for the usual clubs are currently low as you would expect for this time of year. The self-opening closing of the hall using the key safe has proved to be a useful addition on occasions as has David Royle introduction/help meetings to anyone using the hall for the first time. A big thank you to Ruth Pickles was also expressed as bookings coordinator. Our newly created whatsapp messaging group has also aided all with the general running when issues crop up. The Treasurer has asked if hirers could be more communicative to him over their bookings to avoid time wasted invoicing.

3. TREASURERS REPORT –

Keith Gosling reported that we currently have £3,000 in our current account bolstered by 100 club monies and from the General Knowledge quiz which raised £315. £1000 of this balance is how ever ring fenced for 100 Club prize money. We do have £4,500 currently in our savings account which is a healthy position.

The 100 Club draw for February:

24 – Carol Smith - £50

152 – Jane Brooks - £25

4. CORFE FARMERS MARKET. Thursday 16th April 2020 –

Potential Farmers Market stall holders have been informed of the proposed starting date for our markets for 2020. This year markets will be held on a monthly basis taking place on the second Thursday of each month unless circumstances dictate otherwise.

Actions on Chair. To contact Tone FM for a publicity chat. To remind all stall holders of dates and start/finish times of 5pm – 7.00pm. To investigate advertising boards from a potential sponsor that could promote the market as the ‘Blackdown Hills (Corfe) Farmers Market’.

Action on Secretary. To contact fete organisers to determine if field currently being used to stage Corfe fete could be used as a car parking overflow if required on occasions.

5. CORONA VIRUS –

The Hall will be displaying Government advice on Corona Virus prevention measures. Signage promoting this advice will be installed in all toilets and in the Kitchen. Soap/paper towels/toilet rolls will be checked on more frequently.

Action – Treasurer to download or obtain appropriate signage from Government sources.

6. S106 REMAINING FUNDS IDEAS –

Replacement picnic benches remains as the Village Hall proposal on this. Current insistence by council officials on how this remaining money can be used is proving problematic. However, discussions are still on going and we are hopeful of some help from local authorities to break this impasse. We have until April 2021 to use the money or it will return to the developers of Newton Court.

7. VILLAGE HALL FUTURE PROJECTS –

Kitchen and Dishwasher updating project – It was agreed by those present that the kitchen and more importantly the crockery and the hygiene levels of the kitchen needed improving especially so in our present climate.

ACTION – Chair. To discuss with current and future hall user groups what requirements would be needed and what costs would be involved in achieving this.

Proposed Extension to the Village Hall – A proposal to look at extending the village hall and perhaps removing the temporary/ugly existing storage container remains a possibility for the future that will be governed by costs and Parish Council approval. A business plan to evaluate these costs/grants available to us plus a design for such an extension would need to be drawn up. The aim of this proposal is the focussing of future village funding events towards supporting such a project.

A.O.B -

Hall Table Hygiene expectations - Hirers/Clubs are be encouraged to clean any tables they may use more efficiently in future as complaints are now becoming more frequent from other users. Please try to be more considerate to others.

Painting of Hall Skirting Boards – Daren Oram is to be approached to paint the hall skirting boards as they have become tatty and do not complement the refurbished flooring in their present state.

Playground Maintenance of Equipment – A proposal to support the upkeep of the Queens Acre play ground equipment now and in the future was made and those present agreed to make £100 - £200 of village hall funds available annually as a gesture of support for this purpose.

Storage of Fete Equipment – Andrea Biss has agreed to store the Corfe Fete equipment in one of her barns following Bill Hosie and Family move away from the village.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING –This will take place on Wednesday 22nd April at Brookside.

