

Corfe Village Hall meeting 14th September 2020

APOLOGIES - Sheila Andrews

1. Welcome –

A discussion took place but with no agreed Agenda for this Village Hall meeting as the hall with most of its activities being suspended due to COVID 19. New Government '6 only regulations' have also now impacted on that situation. The Sewing, Quilting and Pilates groups have still indicated a willingness to continue while following current Government guidelines and own risk assessment for activity. Due to lack of bookings these activities could now be made more flexible on timings and days to accommodate those participating if they so wished.

2. COVID 19 Rule of 6 –

The latest Government ruling on public gatherings means the Village Hall cannot now be booked for any new activities or parties of 6 or more so it was therefore agreed to suspend all new hall bookings until further notice. The Village web site will be updated to reflect this change in due course.

3. Village Hall Window Keys –

The Village Hall windows have been found to be often locked and keys to open them have not been supplied to hirers. A decision to add a key to the keys supplied was taken especially as a need for ventilation is now a COVID 19 requirement.

4. Speed Issues –

A proposal to encourage Corfe residents to produce High Visibility Scarecrows that could draw attention to the speeding issues we are now experiencing in the village was aired and agreed. This should be a fun but serious activity that could assist our Speed Watch teams in their efforts to calm traffic speeds. The Neighbour Hood watch will be asked to publicise the proposal.

5. Queens Acre Pedestrian Gate –

The pedestrian gate to Queens Acre has been left open on occasions putting young users at risk. It was therefore agreed that a self-closing spring should be installed. Keith Gosling will source some labour for the work required.

6. Hall Strip lights and Blinds –

The Village Hall strip lights and their coverings plus the blinds are now in need of replacement or refurbishment. Keith Gosling will source a contractor and approach the Parish Council as owners of the Hall for financial support.

7. Kitchen refurbishment –

The Hall Kitchen is also in need of improvement. Painting and the removal of what was described as 'Tat' from within it has been highlighted and a proposal to source a dishwasher was also put forward for consideration. A possible green project based on less water being used for dishwashing that could also involve the installation of solar panels for Greener energy was also suggested especially so now that Green Grants are currently being championed by the County Council.

8. Storage Units –

We no longer have an active Youth Club and the Toddlers Group is not running at present so storage space within the hall could be utilised better if items from these groups could be removed. It is hoped that the Toddlers Group will return in due course so both groups will be quizzed for opinion on what could be done.

9. Finance –

We do not currently have any financial worries as lack of hall use has reduced the usual running costs involved. We do however need to generate income in the future for general upkeep and improvements so will be keeping a close look on all future expenditure.

10. Future Committee Positions –

Our current Chairperson is currently in the process of moving home and we are therefore looking to the future makeup of the Village Hall committee should She move and not be able to continue in her role. We are therefore welcoming any new committee members who might want to be a part of this beloved village amenity and will be advertising for new recruits shortly. Please contact Chris Brown (Hall Secretary) if you want to get involved and want to discuss roles. It is not an onerous task being a Village Hall committee member we meet every couple of months usually over a glass of wine or another refreshment to discuss hall matters and generally socialise our previous minutes are viewable on the Corfe Village Website.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TBA -This will take place once we have a clear understanding of the current COVID 19 position on gatherings hopefully within the next couple of months.