

Minutes of the Corfe Village Hall and Queens Acre Committee held on Thursday 24th February 2022

Present – Keith Gosling, Chris Brown, Sue Ford, Jo Reed, Nigel Furness, and Rob Smith.

1. APOLOGIES –Andy Butler, Ruth Pickles.

2. WELCOME ADDRESS – Keith Gosling welcomed those present in the absence of a proper Chairperson to the February meeting of the Village Hall Committee. He gave a quick explanation of what this meeting would be about then finishing it off with the first 100 draw of 2022.

Chairperson required. An enthusiastic person who could generate ideas for future hall events or improvements and enthuse others to run with them or come up with an alternative idea themselves was what we felt a new Chairperson should be. The task is not an onerous position and can often be very rewarding to an organiser when things do come together, and you get results. If you could be that new Chairperson please let a committee person know you are interested, and we can make things happen in Corfe.

3. TREASURER REPORT – We continue to remain in a healthy position financially as our clubs and hall bookings return to us following the easing of restrictions concerning the Covid pandemic. We were very grateful to receive a Covid 19 grant of £2.5K in the month. This was given out as a compensation grant to businesses for complying with Government requests to limit bookings and follow Covid 19 guidelines and lockdowns over the recent period in compensation for monies lost and will be used for hall improvements.

4. LOOKING AHEAD – Village Hall improvements which would include an extension to the hall were once more discussed and a proposal to now seek out a surveyor to draw up a detailed diagram was agreed. We would also need to then work out costings of such a project and then have a project manager to run with the scheme. Nigel Furness has indicated that he is happy to assist once we know what we can do and how much we will have to pay to achieve our goal.

A kitchen tidy up was also proposed as we still have so much ancient items that could now either be recycled or disposed of as they never get used and are just taking up much needed space within the kitchen.

5. UPCOMING EVENTS - On 2nd April, the Village Hall will be staging the spring flower show. Entry forms will soon be available to participants.

On 8th April, Judith Richards will be staging a General Knowledge quiz in aid of MND. Full details will be made available shortly on both the notice boards and on the website.

6. COVID TRACK AND TRACE – The NHS reporting system and the need to register yourself is now no longer required as of 24/2/22. Related literature and the scanning App for the hall users will now be removed as requested by the NHS. We will continue to provide some sanitising gel and encourage users to use good practice in relation to hygiene.

5. QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENT PROPOSAL – A party on Sunday 5th June in the aptly named 'Queens Acre' to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen Platinum Jubilee has now been agreed. Further

details will be posted closer to the date. Please make a note of this in your diaries and make it a day to remember in Corfe if we can.

6. REEF AND BEEF MOBILE TAKEAWAY FOOD WAGON – The popular Reef and Beef takeaway food wagon will be returning in March probably monthly in the first instance. A proposal for it to be the last Friday of each month was also aired. Full details will be posted in due course.

7. CORFE FETE MARQUEE ERECTION FOR THE JUBILEE PARTY – A proposal that we request the use if required of the fete marquee from the Parish Council as owners, for the Jubilee Party and for the Parish Council to help organise an erection of it so it can be aired and checked out for damage (having not been used for three years) and for a team of erectors to perhaps become more competent in erecting it was made. Early May seemed like a good time for this airing to take place as the jubilee party will be first weekend in June and the weather is often more favourable at this time of year for doing this.

8. 100 CLUB DRAW – The February 100 Club draw was made the winning tickets are as follows:

1. Ticket 158 = Angela Vodden = £50
2. Ticket 40 = Gaynor Lewis = £25
3. Ticket 118 = Rick Bosson = £25

A special extra draw has now been proposed for the Queens Platinum Jubilee due to extra prize funds being made available and this was approved by Committee members present.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - This will be in taking place in April details to follow once date is agreed.