

Corfe Village Hall meeting 12th October 2022

PRESENT – Keith Gosling, Chris Brown, Ruth Pickles and Rob Smith.

APOLOGIES – Sue Ford, Andy Butler, Nigel Furniss.

1. Welcome –

Keith Gosling welcomed those present highlighting the topics for discussion on the night.

2. Forthcoming Bookings –

Booking figures on present and future hall bookings was discussed. Ruth Pickles highlighted that the hall has had a robust amount of use and that more bookings especially for regular users were in the pipeline. The Cancer Charity Coffee morning event, the MND General Knowledge Quiz and the planned New Years Eve 80's party were highlights of the discussion.

3. Finances –

The Village Hall finances are currently in very good shape and our thanks go to Keith Gosling for his efforts on this however, we are still watching current energy price rises and await our next bill. We are confident that we can maintain our current hire charges for this year, but all users should expect higher prices to rise in 2023 but we will do our best to keep these as competitive as is possible to match or better other hirers prices in the area. Ruth Pickles proposed we look at increasing the cost of hiring the VH from 1st Jan (e.g., by say £5 on the base cost) and we agreed to review this at the December meeting.

4. Corfe Fete Marquee –

Following an approach from a local family to be allowed to use/hire the Corfe fete Marquee for a Summer party in 2023 a discussion took place on how we could best use this equipment which is stored in the Village Hall container. The Marquee was originally purchased by the Corfe Fete Committee which has now been disbanded, using generated Fete funds for use with future proposed fetes or village events prior to the COVID 19 intervention. This resulted in its limited use until this year's Platinum Silver Jubilee event which allowed it to be used once more to great effect but only because volunteers came forward to assist with its erection and dismantling. The Marquee is now owned by the Parish Council so hire and costs and how the village could utilize it needs to be raised with them. The consensus was that it could be a profitable option for the village, but a volunteer team would need to be created for this to be practicable and to avoid misuse/brakeage's/loss of parts occurring if hired out without any proper supervision or instruction. Keith Gosling has agreed to pick up with the family to discuss a cost for usage depending on whether they organise for it to be put up. When any dates become known for organising a Village Summer Event this could be considered together with any other requests, in order to make full use of the marquee whilst it is actually up.

5. Proposed Village Hall Extension –

A meeting will be arranged shortly to iron out what the base line costings of a proposed extension are likely to be. Nigel Furniss will pull this together once all facts are known.

Loans and Gift Grants are being investigated with help from the Charity Commission to help support the current finance available to us and Corfe Community Trust has also been approached to see what could be provided.

5. OCTOBER 100 CLUB WINNERS –

£50 Hannah Undery

£25 Anna King

£25 Louise Mackley

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TBA – Early December will be the target.