

Corfe Village Hall – Charity 304526

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Corfe Village Hall meeting Tuesday 13th December 2022

PRESENT – Keith Gosling, Chris Brown, Rob Smith, Andy Butler and Nigel Furniss.

Apologies – Ruth Pickles and Sue Ford.

1. Welcome –

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

2. Minutes of previous meeting –

Keith Gosling explained that these minutes would be covered within the proposed agenda.

3. Village Hall Bookings –

Village hall bookings and club society take up remains steady. As discussed at a previous meeting and due to the current economic climate, the Village Hall running costs especially relating to electricity usage have risen considerably so a modest increase to the external booking fees (non-resident) was proposed and accepted this being a modest £5 rise starting on January 1st 2023.

4. Corfe Fete Marquee –

Following on from our last meeting and the approach from a local family to be allowed to use/hire the Corfe fete Marquee for a Summer party in 2023 a further discussion took place on how we could best use this equipment which is stored in the Village Hall container. The Marquee, originally purchased by the Corfe Fete Committee using generated Fete funds was purchased for use with future proposed fetes or village events and is now owned by the Parish Council so any hire and costs and how the village could utilize its use needs to be raised with them at the next PC meeting. The consensus from those present was that it could be a profitable option for our 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 proposed a £150 - £200 hire and erection fee rate. it was also suggested that when any dates became known for other Village Summer Events that this could be considered together with any other requests, in order to make full use of the marquee whilst up.

5. New Year Eve Party –

Children and other family members are welcome to attend this village event as well as residents. At present numbers going are the main requirement of the organisers so that all can be sorted out for an enjoyable evening. See Corfe Village Website for full details. A £2.50 fee per person attending is required (no fee for Children) please pay in cash Hayley Smith or Louise Cobham. A £25 hire fee payable to the Village Hall for the party to cover electricity and other expenses was proposed and agreed by those present.

6. Finances –

Steady income with expenditure is currently being experienced by the Village Hall in its day-to-day running's. It has been noted however that interest rates on accounts held by Business/Charities such as ours with the main banks are not receiving the rates offered to other savings accounts. Keith Gosling has found an account with The Skipton Building Society which will currently pay 2.36%. The meeting, therefore, approved for Keith Gosling to open an account with Skipton and transfer £30,000 into the new account from Barclays.

An annual return for the Village Hall accounts has been filed on the charity's website. In order to reflect changes in the Village Hall Committee, Judith Richards and David Royle resigned from the committee with immediate effect. Nigel Furness, Andy Butler and Rob Smith were appointed to the committee.

7. Proposed Village Hall Extension –

Good progress has been made on proposal plans that could soon be submitted to planning authorities for review once presented to the Parish Council for approval. A thank you was extended to Nigel Furniss and to our architect for their efforts on this project. We currently have two options on the extension being proposed with full likely costs yet to be properly worked out. Once these are known a meeting will be arranged to iron out what the base line costings of a proposed extension on both designs would be. Nigel Furniss will pull this together once all facts are known. Loans and Gift Grants are continuing to be investigated and Corfe Community Trust has also been approached to see what support could be provided, as well as a belief that the Parish Council and residents would add their support. All to consider what else could be done to assist the fund raising.

8. DECEMBER 100 CLUB WINNERS –

£100 – Richard Dugdale

£ 75 – Chris Brown

£ 50 – Anna King

£50 – Elle Ford

£25 – Katie Finchett

£25 – Olivia and Simon Budge

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TBA – End of January will be the target.