

**Corfe Village Hall – Charity 304526 Newton Lane, Corfe, Taunton, Somerset
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Corfe Village Hall meeting Thursday 4th May 2023

APOLOGIES – Sue Ford and Rob Smith.

PRESENT – Keith Gosling, Chris Brown, Ruth Pickles, Andy Butler and Nigel Furniss.

1. Welcome –

A discussion took place based on an Agenda read out by Keith Gosling .

2. Resources –

Future roles within the Committee were confirmed with those present. Emma Bowers is to be approached on becoming a Village Hall Committee member and taking on the Secretary role. Andy Butler who will be the Chairperson from June has been tasked with calling the next meeting, likely to take place in the week commencing 19th June.

3. Village Hall Extension –

Nigel Furniss confirmed that planning permission for a proposed extension has now been sent off to the Council planning department. Once this is either given approval in principle to proceed or comes back with issues still to consider, any resident concerns as highlighted by a recently received email communication can be fully addressed. We then plan to hold a residents meeting for all villagers to attend and tell us what they want from what is currently our only recreation facility since the pub was sold. Planning permission is likely to take until 13th June to progress so the idea is to then hold a village meeting sometime in July, having initially briefed the Parish Council. Nigel Furniss has responded to the email received, welcoming their feedback and confirming the future timetable.

4. Hall Maintenance –

Keith Gosling summarised the buildings work and maintenance that had been undertaken over the past few years. The hall has had new LED lights installed, hand driers placed in all toilets to reduce paper wastage and a new circuit board installed, with a commercial dishwasher now in place. More recently the storage cupboard, within the hall kitchen, has now been redecorated and redesigned and thanks go out to Tony Dewhurst for the excellent job he has done here, plus the work to remove debris from the hall roof and gullies. After discussion around future work, it was agreed that Grace Alexander and Corfe Parish Council (possibly with Neil Bailey as an advisor) are to be approached for

some energy saving investigations for the Village Hall. This should include considering installing solar panels if the savings are worthwhile and grants available.

Nigel Furniss agreed to review potential future hall improvements/redecoration over the next few months, which could involve using volunteers for the more routine work. More specifically he is reviewing a new electrical switch system for the hall radiators now that one of the switches is broken. A replacement model of the existing system is outdated and not a viable option.

5. Events –

To celebrate The Coronation of King Charles 111, an afternoon of tea and homemade cakes will be taking place on Sunday 7th May 2023 on Queens Acre. The plan is to have a marquee erected so volunteers to do this have been sourced, but other help with this and on the day would be much appreciated.

Future social events to get residents mixing once more such as a Fish and Chips Supper, Bingo and any other events, that would encourage participation by all ages, were also discussed. It would also be useful to arrange visits to other village halls to see what they were doing that was successful.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TBA for week commencing 19th June 2023