

Corfe Village Hall – Minutes 11th October 2023, 7pm
Charity 1204930 Newton Lane, Corfe, Taunton, Somerset, TA3 7AQ

Attendees: Andy Butler, Chris Brown, Keith Gosling, Nigel Furniss, Ruth Pickles, Emma Bowers

Apologies: Sue Ford, Rob Smith

1. Last Meeting Minutes Review

ACTION - Any open items carried onto these minutes

2. Charity Application Status

AB advised CIO application completed 26.09.23. New number is 1204930. Old charity will be closed off in due course. New Charity Commission Account will be registered once govt website has addressed backlog.

3. Village Hall Extension / Planning Application

No further updates since last meeting. Application has been submitted and waiting update, no issues foreseen. At least 3 builders quotes will be obtained, all of which would be available for a future public meeting before any action is taken.

ACTION – NF continuing with project & 3 quotes

4. Hall Maintenance

- NF reporting ongoing maintenance items, some since last meeting :
 - I. Radiator heater control switch on one radiator, all need changing due to age and no longer available.
 - II. Window latches
 - III. General painting / freshen walls where scuff marks are visible from chair storage against walls
 - IV. Gutter cleaning
 - V. Outdoor benches – one has been built, second will be done w/c 16th October
 - VI. Leaves on road – thank you to Saranna Cogswell for helping with clearance
 - VII. Tress overhanging play area in QA will be discussed at PC meeting on 14/11
- ACTION – NF to manage as required*

5. Solar Panels

Thanks to Neil Bailey for helping with site survey and for contacting 3 suitable companies to quote. KG has forwarded the quote from Sungift. It was agreed that solar investment will be done at the same time as the hall extension.

6. AV Proposal

No further updates since last meeting. Further assessment is intended when time allows.

ACTION – NF & CB obtain 2 further quotes

7. Village Hall Bookings

CB updated committee on current booking activity. Committee discussed a potential booking from a Dog Training company. Agreed that this wasn't something that fitted with the other hall bookings and therefore will not proceed.

8. Finances

KG updated committee on current expenditure. Nothing major to report

9. Corfe Community Café

Dates set for 6 trial openings :

Wednesday 15th November 11am-1pm & Saturday 18th November 10am-12pm,

Wednesday 29th November 11am – 1pm & Saturday 2nd December 10am – 12pm

Wednesday 13th December 11am – 1pm & Saturday 16th December 10am – 12pm

The cafe will be supported by volunteers from the village with the initial menu including coffees, teas, hot chocolates and a selection of cakes, biscuits, and freshly sourced pastries. Will also have fresh bread ordering options.

Volunteer working team : Heather Gosling, Lesley Brown, Catherine Always and Emma Bowers. Currently a further 7 volunteers have agreed to help with openings. More volunteers will be welcome to help with the rota. Practice session will be planned so that volunteers can have training making the coffees and understand set up.

Advertising : flyers will be made for letterbox drops, will also place Sandwich Board in village (both ends) and use social media.

Funding : To date, the village hall has gifted £100, John Harrison has donated £100 and Corfe Community Trust have given £50 to the initiative. All profits will go back into the Village Hall. If successful, the cafe will continue on a regular basis after the initial trial period. Might explore quarterly breakfast & newspaper morning (Sue Ford suggestion)

ACTION – EB contact volunteers to set up rota and practice training session(s)

10. Other Events

- i. Pop – Up Pub – The Dryad Inn . Currently exploring a date for March 2024 but it conflicts with a private booking.

ACTION CB to confirm by 13.10.23 availability, so that EB can liaise with Dryad Inn

11. 100 Club Draw

100 Club draw for October - Congratulations go to:

£50 Alex Finchett

£25 Zoe Karera

£25 Andrew Maloney

12. Any Other Business (AOB)

- i. **Bark Protection in QA play area** to continue to be discussed during PC meeting, including funding, on 14.11 but several committee members confirmed willingness to help with spreading whenever a date is set.

ii. **Christmas Tree** Agreed Tue 5th December

13. Date of Next Meeting – next meeting on Wed 22nd November at 7pm

14. Meeting Closed by AB