

Minutes – Corfe Village Hall Committee Meeting

Thursday 15th February, 2024, 7pm

Charity 1204930 (old 304526) Newton Lane, Corfe, Taunton, TA3 7AQ

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

Apologies: Sue Ford.

1. Last Meeting Minutes Review

NO ACTION – Any open items carried onto these minutes

2. Village Hall Extension / Planning Application (NF)

Planning Approval has been granted 10th January 2024. Meeting with architect has taken place in order to progress first builder quote. 2 other builder quotes will then be obtained thereafter. Public meeting would be scheduled once more information is known, date tbc.

ACTION – Obtain 3 quotes (NF); separate meeting will then be held to review (All)

ACTION – AB investigate Non-Profit Growth (company) no win no fee funding & grant support

ACTION – NF explore Jubilee Fund options, if applicable

3. Hall Maintenance (NF) ongoing maintenance topics:

- a) Outdoor benches: preservative & plastic feet (when weather improves)
- b) Outside: paint & refresh (summer task)
- c) Outside: damp proof course integrity report – Tony Dewhirst (summer task)
- d) Inside: making good holes in the wall from recent electrical work: to do
- e) Inside: window latches: to do
- f) Inside: general freshen / repaint: to do (as a group)
- g) Inside: quote to skim walls (on hold - pending decision on extension)
- h) Digitisation of old photos: ongoing

ACTION – ongoing items to be managed as required (NF/All)

4. AV Proposal

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

ACTION – NF & CB obtain 2 further quotes

5. Solar Panels

Will be put on hold until decision on extension is known and what funding is available. There is an option to respect the solar panels to relocate onto flat roof of extension vs. main hall sloped roof.

6. Village Hall Bookings

CB updated the group regarding current booking activity which has been good. The Christmas holiday season had a good number of bookings. Upcoming community events:

- a) Pop Up Pub, Saturday 2nd March 7pm – 10:30pm
- b) Spring Flower Show, Saturday 6th April
- c) Alzheimer's Charity Cream Tea, Saturday 14th April 10am – 12pm (100% proceeds go to Alzheimer's Society)

7. **Corfe Community Café**

EB updated the group that the café will be open Thursday afternoons 2 – 4pm every fortnight and second Saturday of the month 10am – 12pm (when other hall bookings allow). Café has proved very popular and well supported by the village and also by passersby.

8. **Finances**

KG shared the December quarter figures.

9. **100 Club Draw**

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for this years 100 Club. It has raised over £2,000 and remains a key fund raising event for the village. Half of the funds raised is given back as prizes. Congratulations to the winners drawn on 15th Feb :
David Ledger (£50), Angela Vodden (£25) and Louise Cobham (£25). Next draw April.

10. **Any Other Business (AOB)**

- **Charity Application Status**

KG updated the group that although the new charity has been registered, there is still no access to the website/registration portal due to various government delays. This means delays to bank updates and financial submissions etc. Recent submissions have therefore been done using the old charity number for now.

ACTION : AB follow-up on log-on access

ACTION : KG look into what is needed/implications changing bank accounts to CIO status

- **Lease Review**

KG updated the group that he will be working with John Harrison (PC Chair) to review the village hall original lease to gain more clarity on funding guidelines going forwards. eg: should the Village Hall be expected to assist funding of QA play area, etc. KG will update further once more is understood.

- **Blagdon Hill Fete**

would like to borrow some chairs & tables. Committee agreed:

- Fete 1st June: 10 large tables & 12 white square tables (if they want these). If we get a large booking between now and then we may need to reconsider.
- Friday Ball 7th June: 50 plastic chairs.

11. **Date of Next Meeting** – next meeting on Thursday 11th April at 7pm

12. **Meeting Closed** by AB