

Minutes – Corfe Village Hall Committee Meeting
Thursday 13th June, 2024, 7pm
Charity 1204930 (old 304526) Newton Lane, Corfe, Taunton, TA3 7AQ

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

1. Last Meeting Minutes Review

NO ACTION – Any open items carried onto these minutes

2. New Committee Member

A warm welcome to Pip Hollins who joins the committee as we say thank you to Sue Ford for supporting the committee, we look forward to Pips active contributions and for continued support from Sue as a regular hall user.

3. Village Hall Extension

Following the full planning approval and preliminary quotation for the extension costing approx £130,000, the committee has decided to stop further evaluation. The committee concluded the cost was prohibitive, even with grants and funding, the gap to raise would be too large. The decision has been made to proceed with a separate non connected building (that holds a small meeting room and storage) that could be built with existing hall funds and still allow the village to then also invest in solar panels and also some facility upgrades (such as audio-visual systems and internal improvements such as wall skimming or painting). The Corfe Community Trust would be supportive to helping the village hall for solar panel investments, so this will be explored once updated quotes are received.

ACTION – AB ask Parish Council reconfirmation if they want the hall to continue to store the marquee, as this significantly impacts the new build specification / storage size needed.

ACTION – AB to check if charity can claim VAT back on building.

ACTION – NF investigate a 22' x 18' self-contained building that is suitable for heavy duty storage.

ACTION – NF & KG to investigate contractor/ supplier options for the above.

ACTION – PH will look into modified / updated solar panel quote (KG provide background).

4. Hall Maintenance (NF) ongoing maintenance topics:

- a) Outside: weeding has recently been done (DONE)
- b) Outside: damp course repair with S/S beading & re-render – weather permitting 18 &19/6
- c) Outside: painting walls – weather permitting 18 &19/6
- d) Outside: gutter cleaning & antifungal spraying – weather permitting 18 &19/6
- e) Outside: benches preservative & plastic feet (when weather improves)
- f) Inside: window latches: to do
- g) Inside: skim walls: RP & KG to obtain quotes (also linked to hall funds re. extension)
- h) Inside: general freshen / repaint: to do (as a painting party – on hold – pending above)
- i) Digitisation of old photos: NG ongoing

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

ACTION – AB to contact Parish Council to ask when hedges and trees will be cut as they are too low. Important to be done before Fair on 27th July. Potentially also before marquee goes up

ACTION – AB to contact Parish Council and remind about the rubble sacks at far end of parking area. It is restricting a parking space.

5. AV Proposal

Committee suggested it would be worth going back to AV company and ask for a revised quote with a budget of £1,000. See what that would provide.

ACTION – NF & CB to contact original supplier and also 2 further quotes.

ACTION - RS to see if there are any grants available to help pay for the cost, NG and CB have list of potential sponsors.

6. Village Hall Bookings

CB updated the group regarding current bookings. July and August looking good. Marquee 'build team' will be coordinated through Jonathan Jackson so that marquee is up before the below upcoming community events:

- a) Friday Night Pizza Night Friday 28th June 5:30pm – 9:30pm. Bring your own drinks again. Please ensure you take your own rubbish home. Last one on Friday 31st May was well attended and also many people using it as a takeaway.
- b) Corfe Summer Fair – Saturday 27th July 10am – 4pm. Lesley Brown is leading the event planning. Flyers and adverts will be coming out soon. Planning for a small local craft fair & mini farmer's market in the village hall and Queen's Acre field. Hot food truck and alcohol will be served. Cakes, Ice creams, hot & cold drinks & savoury items via the café, which will be open 10 – 4. 'Cake Tent' has been requested for a 'Children's Activity Area'; Village veggie/plant swap stall; Raffle to be organised by PCC. Additional parking in Halliday field behind church has been requested, awaiting confirmation. More to follow
- c) Pop Up Pub – Saturday 3rd August 7pm – 10:30pm. We will look to organise a repeat of the successful Dryad Inn Pop Up, but it will need to be an event that the village helps more organisation to reduce the strain on the Dryad team. No date set yet.
- d) In light of the above events and others to be planned going forwards, the committee have agreed to explore obtaining a full Premises License to serve alcohol for the hall. Mervyn Hosking has kindly offered to serve as DPS as he holds a personal licence.

7. Corfe Community Café

EB updated the group that café continues to be well supported by the village and also by passersby. To date, since opening in Nov'23 the café has served over 850 drinks and 1000 baked items to the community. The Corfe Community Trust would like to consider sponsoring the first Thursday or Saturday café in September (12th or 14th) and will have information and members in the hall for anyone who would like to learn more about what the trust does. Anyone who purchases a drink will get a free cake!

ACTION – EB to prebook 2025 dates with CB so that 2 cafes per week doesn't occur; also amend Saturday café for 10:30 – 12:30

8. Finances

KG shared current position, all looking good. Committee also discussed the opportunity to explore new funding given our decision on the separate extension plans.

9. 100 Club Draw

June winners : Si & Clarey Queens Arms (£50), John Harrison (£25) and Emma Bowers (£25). Next draw August.

10. Any Other Business (AOB)

i. **Kitchen Door Stop**

Thank you in advance to the Quilters who have kindly offered to recover the kitchen doorstop which is now starting to look quite sad!

ii. **Charity Application Status**

ACTION : AB follow-up on log-on access. Ongoing

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

iii. **Gift Aid.** *ACTION : AB to advise if VH needs to register*

iv. **Storage.** Roller cages and/or new wall racking costs have been obtained.

ACTION : EB to talk to Toddler group about what solution is best for them

v. **Pétanque Pitch.** A request has been received from a couple of members of the village for a pétanque pitch in QA. VH committee clarified that this would need to be addressed to the PC as QA is their responsibility.

ACTION : EB to pass on enquiry onto John Harrison

11. **Date of Next Meeting** – next meeting on Thursday 8th August at 7pm

12. **Meeting Closed** by AB