

LYDEARD ST. LAWRENCE -VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Held via Zoom on Tuesday 14th July 2020.

Present: Don Hobson, Paul Yeomans, Stephen Baines, Pauline Smith, Michaela Greener Jo Stewart

Apologies: Anna Broad

This Meeting was recorded.

Unfortunately, Don was unable to activate his microphone, and though he could hear us, we couldn't hear him. So Paul chaired the Meeting, and when Don wished to ask a question or make a comment he contacted Paul via the telephone.

This Meeting was called to specifically deal with the issue of re-opening the Village Hall, whether we should, or should not.

Paul has worked hard on producing Risk Assessment Documents. These have been clear and concise. Thank you Paul for undertaking this task. The initial document was to enable us to open the Hall for the Mobile Post Office. This service restarted on June 22nd and has been working well, a one-way system has been installed, and the "Postmistress", cleans all surfaces before she leaves. We understand there has been an increase in use of this service as more people are staying at home, and not travelling out of the Village.

Paul led us through the 2nd Risk Assessment Document, so that we could understand whether we could safely open the hall to other users.

The information from the Government is constantly changing, and it is complex.

The potential pitfalls are numerous. The Current guidelines place more emphasis on aerial transmission, which is why more activities are allowed outdoors rather than in a hall, and why classes such as Pilates, and Yoga are not allowed, or the playing of musical instruments that are "blown".

We also need to consider the average age of Village Hall users. The Hirer would need to be responsible for cleaning, before and after hire, and ensure that Social Distancing Regulations are followed.

We would need to be convinced that any hirer would be willing to strictly abide by all guidelines. If one person was to contract Covid 19 through a visit to the Hall the implications for the local community would be massive.

With 2m distancing currently essential for safety, the number of people in the Main Hall would be limited to 15. In the Meeting Room to 6 persons. 3 in the Kitchen and one in each of the toilets and foyers.

The local school will be shut from the end of this week for the Summer holidays, so they won't be needing to use the Hall for the time being.

After some discussion we held a vote: unanimously we voted against opening the Hall to other hirers at the moment. We will re visit this in a month or so.

Any other Matters: The Local Mobile Post Office Service has been taken over by Alcombe Post Office and Newsagent Stores, Steve will need to amend his records so that invoices can be issued.

Car/ Van Parking in the Village Hall Car Park needs to be discussed at our next Meeting.

As of 01.07.20 we have a new Cleaner- Linsey Dunning. She will be working 2.5 hours twice a month. I believe Steve has her details. She is also a Key-holder and her contact details are: *(details removed by D Hobson)*.

D. H. 17-7-20