

LYDEARD ST. LAWRENCE VILLAGE HALL - MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 20TH JULY 2021

VENUE: Main Hall - Village Hall at 19.00

APOLOGIES: Clare Marshall, Kate Best, Paul Yeomans

Belated apologies: Jacky Madel.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 18th May 2021. These were agreed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING: The Post Office service has resumed, with a new Post Mistress. the farewell for the previous postmistress, Jane Kemp, was well attended.

Michaela raised the issue and cost of repairing the Main Wall in the carpark, which is on Left-hand side of the Car Park, this will be a huge undertaking as it is a retaining wall for Church Close. Original quote was for £10,000, this cost has probably increased. This is a major project and will incur serious expenditure.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jacky was unavoidably detained from attending the Meeting, (her report was received on 21st July via email.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE: Paul had forwarded a report,
Items arising: 1. Window at South End of Main Hall - needs replacing and Paul would like to replace it with a window that opens to improve ventilation. He asked for a budget of up to £300. This was proposed by Liz and seconded by Michaela.

Depending on the Weather there is a plan to remove the oil heater chimney. Currently the forecast for this coming weekend is for thunderstorms.

Governing Document: neither Paul or Kate have had the time to study this. It will be of benefit to the Village Hall but is expected to take some time. It will re-appear on the Agenda in the New Year.

SOCIAL EVENTS: Michaela and her sub-committee have come up with an extensive list of opportunities to socialise and encourage use of the Village Hall. This list has been circulated to all Members of the Committee. Some of the events would incur overheads e.g. Jazz Night, Travelling Theatre or a Curry Night. In view of restrictions and changing rules it was decided to start with an "Open Weekend". Date agreed: weekend of 11/12th September. This would be an opportunity to publicise the facilities that the Village Hall can offer with a view to encouraging more users. The Village Hall would be open on the Saturday between 10.00-13.00. Possibly Croissants and Coffee. On the Sunday the Village Hall would be open between 14.00 - 16.00, tea and cake would be provided, some by the WI. At the moment the Village Hall is looking good after redecoration during 2020.

The Open Weekend would be manned by some of the groups who already use the Village Hall - such as Table Tennis, the WI, Pilates. They will be asked to provide a display of what their particular group can offer the community. Michaela is going to organise leaflets that will be delivered by hand and posters will be put up around the Village. Contact details will be taken of those who express an interest in using the Hall or have suggestions to turn the Hall into more of a social hub for the Village. The idea is to encourage more users and to broaden the range of activities on offer.

Committee Members will do their utmost to publicise this Event. Liz will mention it in the Village Newsletter and on the Village Website.

All this comes with the caveat that we will follow all COVID 19 rules and restrictions.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Liz mentioned the Coffee Shop that used to operate alongside the Post Office. Having spoken to Phil Barker, it was felt this might restart in August on a Monday only, for the time being.

The Minutes of our Meetings will be posted on the Village Website, and we will publicise the fact that the Village Hall is once more open for business.

Meeting closed at 20.15.