

Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall Management Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th July 2022

Present: Don Hobson (Chair), Jo Stewart, Liz McConnell, Michaela Greener, Andy Glendinning, Kate Campbell and Clare Marshall

Apologies: Paul Yeomans and Anna Broad

Minutes of the last Committee Meeting held on the 26th April 2022 were agreed as being a true and accurate record. Proposed by Jo, seconded by Liz and signed by Don as Chairperson.

Matters Arising: None

Treasurer's Report

Andy had helpfully added note boxes explaining what the Miscellaneous amounts paid out had been for, and another to explain the large increase under Hall Lettings in March when £671 had been paid towards supporting the Post Office by the Parish Council. A £20 donation had been made for borrowing tables and other items for the Open Gardens weekend and Don requested the Treasurer should be put in the Donations column rather than under Hall Lettings. Andy will amend this.

Building Maintenance

Three new security lights have been installed in addition to the others already in place. Getting assistance with the list of tasks outstanding was again highlighted. Kate felt Suzie Bythell-Wixey might have the skills required to do some of the work on the retaining wall and will talk with her to see if she might be able to help.

Governing Document

This will be discussed at a future meeting when Paul is in attendance.

Social Events

Anna and Michaela had met to discuss what social events might be suitable this Autumn. They proposed a band evening in September or October. Anna is to be in contact with Molly Ascott to see when her band is available and check the price she charges which was believed to be £100. The ticket price

will be determined in part by the cost and also the capacity of the hall. Liz will look into this along with the time that the concert will need to end by for noise regulations and inform Anna and Michaela. Refreshments will be provided.

The other event Anna and Michaela were suggesting was a Curry Night. This idea was warmly received and depending on whether the band night takes place in September or October, the Curry Night will be the alternate month. Michaela will ask Tracy if she would be willing to do the catering for the event and enquire how much she would charge to do so. Details will be circulated by the 1st August so a decision can be made to ask Tracy or ask various people to cook a curry to bring on the night.

Kate is to speak with Meg Clothier who wrote Sea Fever to see if she would be willing to give a talk on her book. Meg lives in West Bagborough and has given talks at the Taunton Literary Festival. Should Meg be happy to do this Kate will suggest the talk for January. People to bring their own wine and nibbles .

Another local resident, Jenny Godfrey at Handy Cross is having her first book published by Penguin shortly. Clare will speak to her to see if she might be interested to give a talk in Spring next year.

Anna has contacted the council to find out the rules and regulations involved in starting a Youth Club and is awaiting their reply. Anna and Michaela had spoken to Katherine Spry who had run a Youth Club in the village hall a few years ago. Katherine had mentioned a fund specifically for Youth Club use and Don confirmed that £500 was ring fenced for the Youth Club within the Village Hall accounts. The Youth Club would be for Secondary School aged children and would probably be on a fortnightly basis. West Bagborough are also considering starting a Youth Club and Meg Clothier is involved with this. Kate will speak with her and feed back to Anna and Michaela.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 4th October at 7 pm

Any other Business

Don clarified that the Village Hall does not charge for use of the Hall for the Horticultural Show which is being held on the 13th August and is not a fundraising event. The entry money is used for prizes and thank you gifts for the judges.

The meeting finished at 7.50 pm