

Kilmington Village Hall Regular Users' Meeting

Wednesday 5th October 2022, 7.30 pm

Minutes

Attended - Judith Chapman, Pauline Horwood, Louise Quincy, Sally Dare, Steve Boon Gill Perkins (Country dancing), Jenny Nickolls (Table tennis), John Watts (Cinema), Jean Falconer (RBL) and Mary-Anne Driscoll (Gardening Club).

There were no apologies.

JC welcomed and thanked everyone for coming.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 6th October 2021.

Minutes were agreed. Proposed JF. These minutes can be found on the village website.

2. Matters arising.

Nothing arising.

3. Chair Report – Judith

JC reported that it had been a busy summer; we are continuing to re-distribute and share the responsibilities of hall jobs over the hall committee. JC thanked PH for all she has done and for being willing to remain as treasurer. SD is becoming more centrally involved in running the hall. Summer maintenance by contractors has been completed. Hall has been painted externally and some repairs carried out including replacement of the exit door from the stage. Last painted 10 years ago.

We attended the newcomers welcome meeting run by the PC. We found this event useful, 2 people came forward and offered their time for small tasks, and have already been involved.

Following discussion at the AGM, our solar panel project is moving forward.

ACTION – No actions.

4. Treasurers Report – Pauline

PH reported that we have fixed our electricity prices from 1/7/22 to 1/7/24. Our recent financial review showed us that we have credit of £1,401 (this includes some forward bookings income). PH advised this will be swallowed up due to the increase of our electricity prices. To help meet the increased rates we are advising that the hall hire charges will increase from 1st January 2023. We will confirm nearer the time once we know if we will receive any subsidy from the government. PH thanked the users for their support and understanding as we endeavour to keep our costs to a minimum. She reminded everyone to take care when using the hall not to waste water or electricity.

ACTION – PH to propose increase in hall hire charges in due course.

5. Bookings Report – Louise

LQ reported we have had a busy time and all our usual bookings are in the diary. We have a birthday party or other booking every weekend till mid Dec. LQ reminded hall users that we have hall booking slots 9-1, 1-6 and 6-11:30. We need to tighten up on the times users use the hall to match what they have booked, so we can maximise our bookings, therefore our income. JF asked where this information is made public and asked should it not be on the website. LQ agreed.

ACTION – LQ to add above information to the website.

6. Maintenance - Steve

SB reported that all the summer maintenance has been completed. All the electrics have been checked, apart from Kilmington players equipment which is being addressed. Fire extinguishers have been serviced and one replaced. High level windows have been cleaned and the chair feet have been inspected and replaced if required.

We have three outstanding issues, 1. Leak in disabled toilet. 2. Leaking water heater in the lady's toilet and

3. Heaters in the main hall need cleaning.

SB went on to give an update on the solar panel and battery project. We are trying to secure 3 quotes and apply for funding from EDDC. This is a slow progress. Quotes are in the range of £20,000. A discussion was had as to whether we should break the project down, leaving purchase of batteries until a later date. SB and JC advised we would like to complete the project as a whole. The majority of the hall usage is at night so we need the batteries to provide the electric when we have bookings. JC advised the PC will also be approached for a contribution to costs of the installation.

Question from JW suggesting we need to enquire if the PC is able to follow the same procedure for purchasing equipment as for the Cinema equipment. JC agreed this question is on our list and thanked JW.

ACTION: SB and JC submit the Solar panel application form for funding to meet the Jan deadline.

7. Sally's New Role

SD reported she is taking on the communication between the cleaner Claire and the hall committee and also ordering all hall supplies. SD has a meeting with Claire and PH on this Sunday. SD will go through the bookings with the cleaner, if there are any concerns about the state of the hall please advise.

ACTION: SD and PH meet Claire on Sunday for handover.

8. Additional committee members

JC advised we still need additional committee members to share the responsibilities and job roles. If you know of any one, please advise.

9. Report from users

Gill Perkins, Country Dancing – Advised since covid, numbers have fallen and asked do we have to continue cleaning the toilets after use. JC advised no.

Jenny Nickolls, Table Tennis – Nothing to raise.

John Watts, Cinema Club – Cinema Club is going well, we had over 100 over the last two viewings.

Mary-Anne Driscoll, Gardening Club – Asked about the internet for their card reader. JC advised that after discussion at the last AGM, it was decided to wait until Jurassic Fibre are available in the village. SB advised that he has looked at other options but still felt this was the most reliable and robust option.

10. AOB

JF asked could we not insulate the walls to make it a bit warmer and save on energy. SB reported the walls are insulated as is the roof space. We could investigate adding thicker insulation. There was discussion about whether a grant can be obtained for additional insulation. JF mentioned the heaters are getting old, and wondered if they are energy efficient.

JC advised we are hoping to decorate interior of the village hall next summer.

ACTION: SB to look into insulation levels in the hall.

11. Date of Regular Users Annual Meeting is

Wednesday 4th October 2023 at 7.30 pm and

AGM 19th April 2023.

Meeting closed at 20:10