

# Minutes of the Great Easton Village Hall Committee Meeting Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 10.30am

## **1. Present**

Sally Armstrong  
Lorna Bryant  
Louisa Feltham  
Vikki Halliday  
Kay Mitchell  
Tim Smith (Chair)  
Margaret Stamp,

Apologies: Alice Murdock

Meeting started 10.35

## **2. Minutes of the last Meeting**

Minutes of previous meeting read and agreed.

## **3. Matters Arising**

Stage Lighting - Tim reported that Terry (supplier) has identified the fault and he is returning next week to refit the lighting

Louisa asked if this could be completed by the next GELT performance on 8 June.

Louisa asked for details on microphones available with the new sound system. The VH has two belt packs and a hand held mic. Uprights will need to be hired in if required.

- Report that the cooker doesn't work if the clock isn't set (usually after a power cut). **Sally to check regularly**
- Step-strip to the bar outstanding c/f **Alice**

#### **4. Finance and Fund Raising**

£7226.00 current balance.

The previous month was a heavy one due to utility bills and insurance.

Query from Parish Council whether the VH could align their financial year with the Parish Councils' i.e. April to March.

**Action: Vikki to speak with Paul Brittain/Mark Haynes**

Discussion re 100 Club following Paul Brittain's query about it being a sufficient income generator. There was debate regarding increasing numbers and improving methods of payment collection however it was agreed to continue with the present format

Fund Raising - a Quiz Night and Tabletop Sale are scheduled

The Village Extravaganza - 13 July at the VH

Alice is the VH rep on this Committee

There will be no charge for Hall hire as this event is raising funds for both the Church and the VH. 2019 event badged as a Village rather than a Church event, this replaces the Village Fete where all funds went to the Church.

Alice will keep VHC informed although some members have already volunteered to help on stalls.

#### **5. Request for reduction in hire charges from GELT**

Carried forward from previous meetings, Tim distributed a VH pricing sheet highlighting a number of charging options and calculations, varying from our standard rate charges through a range of discounted options.

The aim of introducing this new charging system is to make rates accessible for all users who have high usage at various times; currently this predominantly applies to GELT, who are looking to reduce their hall-hire costs.

The general consensus was the best option is the normal frequent-user discount of 30% + a 50% discount on any additional hours over 24hours in any one month.

This was agreed

It was suggested we offer/advertise this discounted rate to other frequent Hall users

## **6. Ladies Toilets**

General view was that the stage refurbishment should be completed before any spending on toilet improvements take place.

**TS will contact Paul to get a price for the outstanding work on the stage.**

Tim has received two quotes for replacing the two toilets in the Ladies and for changes on a larger scale, taking out the whole block and turning the area into a unisex toilet

Unwins (Plumbers) have quoted the 2 toilets option at £480 + VAT

To refurbish whole area/toilets £5,600 + VAT (without basins)

**c/f to next meeting (if decision is made to go for the larger refurb we will then look to get 2/3 quotes)**

## **7. Fridge Freezer**

Alice's ice cream experiment concluded that we need a new Fridge Freezer behind the bar

Tim has costed-out Currys and John Lewis - around £220

AO and Corby Argos Shop also suggested

Tim and Alice will research further - £250 limit

## **8. New Years Eve**

General view was that we don't hire out the Hall for New Years Eve -

we will defer any decision until anyone asks

(Could price a specialist company to undertake the cleaning NY Day and pass the cost to the customer) **TS c/f**

## **9. AOB**

None

Meeting ended 11.50

Date of next meeting 24th July 2019 10.30am VH