

Minutes of the Great Easton Village Hall Committee Meeting Held Wednesday 24 March 2021 10.30.00 Am (On Zoom)

Present:

Tim Smith (Chair)
Sally Armstrong
Louisa Feltham
Vikki Halliday (Treasurer)
Kay Mitchell (Minutes)
Alice Murdock
Margaret Stamp

Apologies: Lorna Bryant

1. Welcome from Chair and apologies noted

2. Minutes of the previous meeting read and agreed. Amendments noted.

3. Matters Arising

- Stage Refurbishment - c/f
- Roadside Advertising Boards (c/f **AM**)
- Display Board outside the village shop (c/f **AM**)
- Stage refurb - painting of the blue backdrop c/f
- Kitchen - corner tap (c/f **TS**)
- Replacement tablecloths (c/f **AM**)
- Short Mat Bowls (c/f **AM**)
- Toilet Refurb c/f
- Sound Desk - Terry is still trying to locate a replacement (c/f)
- Archive Room - This has been discussed with the History Society who are keen to have a look at the room to see how the Archive might work. Once Covid restrictions are lifted the meeting can proceed with representatives from the Village Hall, the History Society and the Parish Council. (c/f)

Nick Hill was of the view that the Leicestershire Records Office wouldn't be keen to store local information that may be too specific to Gt Easton, however Louisa reported that she is aware of the Records Office taking information from other rural/village areas.

Louisa has been researching other options that might store the Gt Easton records off site.

Louisa suggested that enquiries should be made with the Records Office to establish what they might be interested in taking.

(c/f **AM/KM/MS**)

4. Finances:

Thanks to a further grant from the Government during this Covid19 Lockdown period, our current balance is £28,729.79 plus £758.52 in petty cash. Once the outstanding 100 Club payments for the rest of the year and the play equipment grant is set aside, the grand total of £28,613.31 will be available.

A note of thanks was recorded to Tim for researching and following up on these grants that have helped considerably and allowed us to maintain the Village Hall finances.

Action: Outstanding - KM to collect Sheila Thompson's £12 100 Club monies.

5. Covid 19/Hall Re-opening

The Governments' Five Step Plan to reduce restrictions in place since January would appear to indicate that it may be safe to open the Village Hall after 17th May, providing there are no further spikes in infection.

Step Three: 17 May

Halls can start to open subject to the following:

- *Controlled indoor events can take place with up to 50% capacity.*
- *Hospitality settings will be able to open in accordance with the "rule of 6", so community cafes, coffee mornings and social clubs can take place.*
- *Film shows, plays, concerts and sports matches can take place, subject to social distancing.*
- *Indoor sports activities, including exercise classes, table tennis, badminton can take place.*
- *Organised outdoor entertainment can take place.*

The "rule of six" will be abolished for outdoor gatherings, replaced with a limit of 30 people. The "rule of 6" will however apply to indoor events.

It was agreed that we will need to review our current policies and procedures in relation to Hall opening/Hall use alongside any changes in advice and guidance from the Government and from ACRE.

Action: Meeting to be held before 17th May to review our procedures

6. Grass Cutting

As Barry has now retired, Lorraine Robbins who lives in the village has agreed to take over this task (with payment). The volunteers in the Garden Task Force will continue to maintain the gardens and hedges.

7. AOB

- Repairs - Alice reported that there has been some 'frosting' identified on the front of the Hall in one corner. This process damages stonework, causing it to crumble. It will need urgent repair as the extent of the damage is unknown. Furthermore the wall between Mr and Mrs Tyler is showing signs of damage and the rear wall that separates the Hall from the pig-field. Details suggesting local builders were passed to Alice for follow up.
- The Toilet Refurb has been put on hold for now.
- George Robbins has fixed the loose slates on the roof and at the side apex. He has also cleaned the guttering.
- Our 'What I am Looking Forward To' Art and Craft Exhibition in the VH windows has been a huge success during the latest Lockdown. Thanks were noted to Alice for organising this. It will remain in place until after Easter.
- The Letterbox still needs taking down as it is no longer in use. VH post is left at the Village Stores.

Meeting ended 11.45

Next meeting: Wednesday 19th May 2021