

Minutes Of The Great East Village Hall Committee Meeting Held Wednesday 22 September 2021 10:30am

Present

Tim Smith (Chair)

Alice Murdock

Vikki Halliday

Margaret Stamp

Sally Armstrong

Kay Mitchell (Secretary)

Apologies: Lorna Bryant, Louisa Feltham

Meeting started at:10.40 am

1. Welcome from Tim. Apologies from Louisa Feltham, Lorna Bryant
2. Minutes of the last meeting (26-05-21) read and agreed
3. Matters Arising
 - Stage refurb: Backdrop has now been painted by Alice.
 - Roadside Advertising boards. Wood originally identified isn't durable therefore we will need to buy new wood c/f AM
 - Info/Display board outside shop c/f AM
 - Kitchen - corner-tap c/f TS
 - Replacement tablecloths. Alice has now made new tablecloths.
 - Short-Mat Bowls c/f AM
 - Lighting desk c/f LF
 - Archive Room: Alice reported that members of the History Society are viewing the room space this evening. Phil Long appears to be taking the lead and will look at the suitability of the space along with options re storage facilities.
 - Frosting to exterior walls: Tim has contacted Mark and we are awaiting his response. Now is the ideal time to start repairs. Concerns were noted that the frosting appears to be spreading.
 - Book Swap (TS) NFA

4. Finance (VH)

Vikki recently requested a new security fob from HSBC, so that she can undertake on-line banking. As this will take 5 days to arrive, she will be unable to bank in the short term.

HSBC are no longer providing free banking for charitable accounts and are charging £5 per month. It is believed Santander are still doing free banking, so it was agreed Vikki would make an appointment with their Business Manager to discuss further. If this is the case, we will consider transferring our business to Santander.

Account: £35059.60 in account.
 £454.52 petty cash

5. 100 Club (TS)

Tim distributed letters to Committee members for posting. These request 100 Club subs for 2021. Letters to be delivered by 2nd October.

6. Stage Blocks (AM)

The large stage blocks are still being stored outside at the back of the kitchen, covered by tarpaulin. These are owned and used by GELT, but also used at other performances.

Alice has been exploring the option of lightweight, collapsible staging that ideally could be stored under the stage, as storage space is often an issue. Prior to this meeting, Alice forwarded some links/examples of staging for further discussion.

Cost would be approximately £2,500

Louisa has sent Tim details of several similar staging examples she has used in the past. Tim will forward these onto Committee members.

c/f to next meeting

7. Garden (AM)

Alice reported that as the swings are getting older, they are becoming harder and more costly to maintain. Also, the gravel area at the entrance frequently needs tidying and weeding. The garden needs re-thinking, so it becomes easier to maintain whilst providing a usable space.

Alice suggested that all the swings are removed and the gravelled area is grassed.

It was felt that rather than do improvements piecemeal, we should look at the garden space as a whole and invite someone to give us some useful ideas, along with a quote for the whole job.

KM to contact Teresa Kennedy of Viridis Designs, to invite her to give us her overall view of the garden space and advise on a way forward.

8. Walk on the Wildside (WOTW) - Approval of Policies (KM)

An additional VHC meeting was held in August at the request of Bob Mitchell and Teresa Chapman, who are organising a nature project in the Village, A Walk on the Wildside, due to take place June 2022.

This will involve nature walks and talks, environmental projects, tree planting, exhibitions and other activities, with the Village Hall at the hub.

The Committee agreed to support this project, which will enable the organisers to submit bids to help fund the plan.

The project has also been approved by the Parish Council.

It was proposed at the August meeting that the VHC adopt a Safeguarding Policy and an Equal Opportunities Policy that will support the use of the Village Hall and any future activities that take place.

These policies were shared at this meeting and agreed.

9. Regular Clubs Open Day (TS)

Deferred until March 2022

Tim will put an advert on the Neighbourhood Network about groups running and whether people would like to start a group.

10.AOB

- Refreshments will be provided after the Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial on Thursday 11th November (11.30). **Volunteers required.**
- Alice suggested that some lights need looking at, both indoor and outdoor.
Action TS
- A regular hirer from Corby has enquired about booking the Hall for a party in February 2022. Tim advises have not previously had any issues with this particular Hirer. Booking agreed however, we will ask for a booking to be included for the following day (Sunday) to undertake a clean-up

Meeting ended 11.50

Next meeting Wednesday 17th November 2021