

**Draft Minutes of  
Amenities Charity Meeting  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

In Attendance : Dave Lucas (DL) Chairman and Village Hall Steward, Ann Powell (AP) Booking's Secretary, Selina Bond (SB) Hall User, Sally Woodall (SW) Secretary and Hall User.

By invitation : Mark Taylor (MT)

Apologies: Pat Melia (PM) and Jenny Mansfield (JM) Joint Recreation Ground Steward.

Minutes of the last Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2021:

The Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed accordingly.

Matters arising not elsewhere on the Agenda:

None.

Bookkeeper's Report: MT

MT advised the Committee that we are in receipt of £720 in respect of rental for the hall from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to date, which when compared to last year was a vast improvement.

MT has negotiated a fixed term contract for the supply of gas for the next 2 years, with effect from the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021. There was slight confusion surrounding the last bill from British Gas, and our Broker advised MT to pay the outstanding invoice of £280 in order to set up the new contract. This could result in a small credit or debit balance once the final bill has been received.

MT advised the 200 club membership currently stands at 294 and the next draw is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October in the Perch and Pike at 8pm.

Village Hall Steward's Report: DL

DL has produced laminated copies of instructions for all the equipment used in the Hall and they are available to any Hall User. AP asked if DL could purchase some additional AV leads for the music system. DL proposed. SB seconded. The motion was carried. **DL.**

DL had received an enquiry from a dog training group hoping to rent the Hall on a regular basis. The Committee agreed this was acceptable, subject to cleaning of the hall after use. AP to contact the group and will advise the Committee if this is to go ahead. **AP.**

Both SB and SW have encountered problems with the wifi of late. DL to contact O2 to attempt to rectify the problem. DL advised he was still awaiting information from Oxfordshire County Council regarding grants for installation of fibre optics. DL to chase. **DL.**

Chris Bertrand, the previous Chairman, has recommended DL contact Dan Hazel who was previously contracted to repair the driveway to the Hall. DL hopes to arrange a meeting and discuss pedestrian access to the Hall. AP advised there were 8 members of the WI who were unable to get to the Hall because of access. **DL.**

DL has obtained a quote for painting the Hall in the sum of £2850. PW also providing a quote from a contact that is known to him which we are still awaiting before any decision is made. The painter pointed out a new door was required for entry into the Hall and DL to investigate. The Committee discussed the possibility of approaching the PC for some contribution towards the cost of the painting. MT reminded us of the VAT and grant situation regarding obtaining funds from the PC and it was decided DL would contact Victor Meyer (VM), serving on the SSPC, once we have the necessary quotes. **DL/PW.**

The Committee decided to revisit the possibility of a new Fire Exit door at a later date, having discussed in detail and agreed that the cost of installing one was not worth the investment for the slight increase in numbers that this new exit would allow.

AP advised, as in the past, we would charge the shop for the upcoming film night and AP will advise them that a Tens license is required. **AP.**

After much discussion, it was decided we would go ahead with the online booking system from Jezzam, DL proposed and SB seconded. The motion was carried. DL will update the Committee once we have the relevant IT package. **DL.**

DL proposed purchasing a second fan for the hall, costing approximately £25. DL proposed, AP seconded. The motion was carried. **DL.**

DL confirmed Wheelers had completed the necessary annual certification of electrical equipment in the Hall and was awaiting the paperwork.

Recreation and Playground Report: PM/JM.

As both PM and JM were unable to attend the meeting, PM provided a brief summary of the recent ROSPA inspection. A copy of PM/JM notes are attached. The Committee will discuss the report at the next meeting. **PM/JM - carried forward to next meeting.**

PM/JM mentioned some joint co-operation is required from the shop regarding benches and seating on the Rec. This item and the wildlife planting program on the Rec to be c/f to the next meeting. **PM/JM - carried forward to next meeting.**

PM/JM have received quotes from Ben Pitts, ( Ashburtons, the maintenance company), for works to be carried out re distribution of grass cuttings and removal of a tree stump causing some concern, for £180 and £170 respectively. DL proposed, SB seconded. The motion was carried. PM/JM to ask Ben to proceed.

Sadly, Goring Robins have decided not to use the football pitch this season.

Booking's Secretary: AP.

AP confirmed we have our regular band of hall users, table tennis, pilates, Zumba, aerobics, Tai Chi, ballroom dancing and W.I. AP has received a request for 2 birthday parties in the coming months and will, as mentioned previously, make contact with the dog training group. **AP.**

Hall User's Report: SB/SW

Nothing other than disruption of wifi as previously mentioned.

Matters from the Parish Council:

As there was no member present from the PC we were unable to discuss several points mentioned on the Agenda. Footpaths, Rights of Way and access to the Village Hall all c/f to the next meeting. **PW - carried forward to next meeting.**

DL advised the Committee he had been in contact with Fresh Air Fitness regarding equipment on the Rec for adult exercise. Depending on the number of apparatus required, the quote is between £4k to £6k. The company will assist in applying for grants on our behalf and DL will investigate further and report back at the next meeting. **DL.**

AOB:

Community Building. DL had been informed there were several objections to the current planning application and, at present, we have no update as to if and when there will be any progress.

Network Rail Fund. Very little information or clarification of any funding available. To be discussed at a later date.

Date of next Meeting:

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 @ 6.45 in the Village Hall.