

**HOLTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MONDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2023 AT 7.30PM**

MINUTES

Chair: Mel Ault

Attendees: Sonja Barter, Dave Holmes, Sue Holmes, Stella Oakes, Dominique Smith, Helen Webb, Clare Wright

Apologies: Jane Patricia Farrow, Andy Murray

1. Approval of Minutes for Meeting 4th September 2023

Proposed by **SB** and seconded by **DH**

2. Matters arising (not covered elsewhere)

None

3. Financial Matters

SB had circulated the accounts prior to the meeting. It was noted that these were holding well with no major bills to come in currently.

Signed by **MA**

4. Events:

a) **Afternoon Teas** – **DH** and **SH** reported that these continue to go well. Numbers slightly down recently possibly due to holidays.

b) **'What a load of rubbish' Friday 15th September 2023**

The speaker was good and the evening enjoyable although poorly attended even though well advertised.

c) **Archives and Apple Pressing Day Saturday September 23rd 2023**

Families and newcomers enjoyed the event on a sunny day. The apple pressing owed its success to Dominique and Kieran Smith.

Cakes in good supply. The morning was not well attended.

The balance of the day to be reviewed in the future as the archives did not get as much attention as previously.

Future Events:

a) **Family Games Night and Bar Friday 6th October 2023**

DS to set up with the Dobsons and the Easts at 10am the morning of the 6th

The bar will be open. Drinks and nibbles to be served from the hatch.

Some games available and families will bring their choices.
Committee to go at 6pm for a 6.30pm start.

b) Trivia Quiz Night Friday 3rd November 2023

CW given some questions. **HW** will supply more.

DH will confirm later whether Jaz East or **MA** to be Quiz Master.

DH and **MA** will continue to plan.

Bar open 7.30pm for an 8pm start.

Cost £5 per head with Teams providing own snacks.

Brian Dobson will contact those who have been in Teams before.

Teams can be up to 8. Anyone wishing to attend and not part of a Team can turn up on the night to be sorted.

There will be a 50/50 raffle.

There will be a leaflet drop and leaflets in the magazine.

Profits to go to the Defibrillator Fund.

NB. **SB** mentioned at this stage that a grant for this fund had been applied for and she expects to hear the outcome later in the month.

c) Living Advent Calendar December 2023

CW to continue to plan, advertise and organise.

WI will reveal the Village Hall window Friday December 8th with Bar open.

Carols planned for Sunday December 17th starting at the top of the village with a window reveal nearby. A suggested earlier reveal time of 4pm was made so that families with children can attend more easily. The singers will process around the village ending at the Village Hall.

HW will investigate availability of musicians.

d) Film Nights – SB will confirm date of January 12th 2024 later for next screening.

e) Folklore Evening – MA will continue to pursue.

5. Bookings Update

DH and **SH** reported that bookings were steady. More bookings are desirable, especially during the day.

6. Property Matters

- The key safe is working well.
- The Hall floor had lifted near the Bar area, some damp found which necessitates some isolation of water in the kitchen at times. The current floor should last 2-3 years at which point a new floor, new radiators or a new boiler could be considered.

- OCC will finance a new router for the fibre optic connector which should last three years.
- **DH** is planning PAT testing.

7. Rota for bins/Hall check

October – **SO**

November – **DS**

December – **HW**

January – **CW**

8. AOB

- **MA** is refining a Diary Page for the Village magazine
- Some ideas for possible future funds from Brookes site developers
 - New boiler, new floor, new porch, creation of a room above the hall, bifold doors, extra furnishings/embellishments to keep the Hall up to date and relevant.
- Inclusion of Victoria Reading Room in the Village Hall accounts has been explained in the village magazine with requests for comments.
- **SH** to log in as a Trustee for the Charity Commission

9. Date of next Meeting: Monday 7th November at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.