

HOLTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MONDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7.30PM

MINUTES

Chair: Mel Ault

Attendees: Sonja Barter, Dave Holmes, Sue Holmes, Dominique Smith, Clare Wright, Andy Murray, Mel Ault

Apologies: Stella Oakes, JP Farrow

Absent; Helen Webb

1. Approval of Minutes Monday July 3rd 2023

Proposed by **DH**, Seconded by **CW** and signed by **MA**

2. Matters arising (not covered elsewhere)

None

3. Financial Matters

The accounts had been circulated by **SB** prior to the meeting.

These were checked and signed by **CW**.

Funds are on an even keel- slightly less in the Current account than at the beginning of the year (January 2023), but this is due to the payment of insurance and licences, resealing of the Main Hall floor to extend its life, and various minor repairs & maintenance jobs carried out.

4. Events

1) **DH** and **SH** reported that the fortnightly afternoon teas continue to go well with numbers varying but averaging about 20. Those that attend enjoy the afternoon so we will continue with them.

A donation of £200 was made from the donations from the Afternoon teas to the Village Hall funds towards running costs.

2) Film Night

Reasonable attendance for the last event showing "Operation Mincemeat"

Next Film night – to be arranged – possibly January

- 3) An **Afternoon Tea** to thank Brian Dobson for his years of service to the village hall held on Sat July 8th went well.
- 4) **Family Barbecue & Bar** – went well with a good attendance - helped by good weather. Food sold out very quickly and the Bar did well. Childrens games in the Orchard, organised by Allan East & Mandy were very popular. An event worth repeating in the future.

Future Events

- 1) **What a Load of Rubbish! Friday 15th Sept 7.30 for an 8pm start**-a talk by SODC about all our waste & recycling & what happens to it. Bar will be open. Posters are being put up & adverts on 'Nextdoor' in the next few days.
 - 2) **Archive & Apple Pressing Day Saturday Sept 23rd**

The Holton History Archive will be on display from 10am in the Main Hall with tea & coffees available.

As much as possible to be set up on Friday afternoon (22nd)

The Apple pressing will begin at 2.30pm. **DS** will supply the 2 apple presses as before, & if required can source some apples if there are not enough in the Orchard. Set up from 1pm – help needed for this.

Also, tea & coffee to be available through the afternoon- help needed with this also.

Brian Dobson & Jan Marlowe have volunteered to help.

CW to see if she has a spare TV so that the "Millenium" video can be shown in the main hall as part of the Archive display / information.
 - 3) **Family Games night & Bar Friday 6th October** to raise funds for a defibrillator for the Village Hall.
- DS** to organise & contact Dushendree (who organised the last Games night) to find out what games were successful. Brian Dobson to be asked about use of a table tennis table. Possible 6.30pm start.

5) Quiz Night Friday 3rd November

Jas East not available. **CW** to try & source some questions.

Bar Open 7.30pm for an 8pm start.

£5 per head but bring your own snacks/ nibbles. To consult with Brian Dobson regarding organising of teams.

Probably do a 50/50 type raffle - £1 in an envelope- all envelopes collected & one drawn. 50% goes as prize & 50% goes to V Hall funds.

SB to arrange envelopes for this.

6) Folklore evening – possibly January. **MA** to consult re arrangements.

7) Living Advent Calendar December 2023- **CW** to organise dates & volunteers. The WI will combine their advent calendar display with a Bar Night -possibly Fri 15th Dec (to be confirmed)

8) Carols on the Green – possibly with Helen's contact to provide a musical accompaniment similar to last year. Date to be decided.

4) Bookings Update

DH and **SH** reported that bookings were steady with an income last month to cover the routine running costs (estimated to be £1000 per month)

6) Property Matters

- Boiler continues to be monitored & future options were discussed. The Boiler although old, is serviced regularly & is in good working order. But probably will need replacing sometime in the next 5years. Initial cost estimate of approx. 10k at the moment.

If the floor in Main Hall had to be replaced- another 10k

We have some contingency money & Grants could probably be applied for.

- New soap dispensers have been installed in the ladies toilets
- High speed internet is now connected to the Village Hall although not usable yet. ONS fibre optic connector is in the 'Barrel Room'. Waiting for Oxfordshire County Council & BT to

sort out costings and also a router. It will be free to the Village Hall for the first 3 years. It will be available to the rest of the village in the future.

7) Rota for bins/ Hall check

September – **AM**

October – **SO**

November – **DS**

December – **HW**

January – **CW**

It is imperative that if anyone is unable to fulfil their turn, they swap with another.

8) AOB

- Diary page of up and coming events in the Village Hall suggested for the Holton News magazine - **MA**
- At some point in the future there maybe some funds available from the developers of the Brookes site to the Parish Council/ SODC. We need to have some ideas ready for how this could be best used for the benefit of Holton.

Meeting finished 9pm

9 Date of next meeting: Monday 2nd October 2023 at 7.30pm