

HOLTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MONDAY FEBRUARY 5TH 2024 AT 7.30PM

MINUTES

Chair: Mel Ault

Attendees: Clive Ganczarski, Dave Holmes, Sue Holmes, Andy Murray, Stella Oakes, Dominique Smith, Clare Wright

Apologies: Sonja Barter, Jane-Patricia Farrow

1. Approval of Minutes 4th January 2024

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

2. Matters arising (not covered elsewhere)

None

3. Financial Matters

SH informed the committee that the total balance in January was around £4.5 k but was now at £1.70 k as large bills had been paid, including roof repairs, insurance and oil.

4. Events

- **Afternoon Teas -DH,SH,DS**

These continue to go well averaging around 20 regular attenders. There will be two in February.

- **Giga Clear evening** January 12th 2024

This was well attended though not all were from Holton. The presentation started before the agreed time and the presenters were not all as professional as expected. As there are still many aspects needing to be rectified since Gigaclear were in the village in December 2023, **CG** has organised a 'walk through' with them to bring attention to what needs doing.

- **Film Night** January 26th 2024 'Dream Horse'

This was well attended with a good profit.

Future Events:

- **'Digging into your roots'** Friday 16th February 2024 with Deb Bale- a talk on genealogy with bar open.

- Bar night featuring Jack Turner's new book – TBC

- **Games Event for Families** – Sunday 24th March 2024 from 4pm.

Donations bucket given higher profile – suggested that we raise funds for the roof.

- **Village Walk and Tea** – Sunday 21st April 2024 -**CW**

- **Trivia Quiz** – **TBC**

Other ideas to be explored – Race Night, Ceilidh in the autumn

Special event for 50th Birthday of Village Hall in 2025.

5. Bookings Update – **DH, SH**

Increase in enquiries.

Potential for Guide Dogs in training to be booked needs further discussion if they make a request.

6. Property Matters

- Defibrillator update

Training booked for 19th and 28th March. New microphone purchased.

Checking and verifying taking place.

Information was given to **CG** from Waterperry for extra support – currently filed but could be of use in the future.

Mobbs saw defibrillator up and questioned whether their money is required – **SB** in contact.

- Hall floor – sample chosen at previous meeting does not have a long guarantee. **MA** had brought further samples and Glenmore Oak VGW 8237 was chosen which has a 10 year guarantee. More samples are being provided for the estimate.
- Boiler Service – will take place 23rd February 2024.
- Bar Chiller – has been disposed.
- Roof update – **DH** reported that scaffolding had been required to install new lead and flashing. **DH** and **CG** are obtaining quotes for the removal of roof moss.
- Bins – **DH** suggested reducing costs by changing the Grundon contract to once a month and getting another grey bin from OCC. Agreed by the committee.

7. Rota for Bins/Hall Check/Defibrillator Check

MA – February

DS – March

SB – April

CG – May

JPF – June

AM – August

SO – September

8. AOB

- **DH and SH** have purchased a new advertising board from Afternoon Tea funds and this is now in place out side the Village Hall. The one from the Hall has been moved up to the Green.
- **DS** suggested labels for the trees in the Orchard. The committee agreed – now for the attention of the Orchard Committee.
- **JPF** has given notice that she wishes to remain on the committee but step back from the role of Chairman. A new Chairman will be elected at the AGM in May.

In the meantime, **DH** proposed and **SH** seconded that **MA** stand in as Chairman if **JPF** is unavailable in March, April or May. The committee voted unanimously for this to take place.

9. Date of next meeting: Monday March 4th 2024 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9pm.