

ENFORD RECREATION GROUND AND VILLAGE HALL TRUST

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY 16 JUNE 2022 AT 7.00 P.M.

Present : Judy D'Arcy Irvine, David Spencer, Jackie Elkins, Ollie Stagg, Hamish Scott-Dalgleish, Hannah Tucker, Jane Young Apologies: Anthony D'Arcy Irvine.

1. Minutes 16 November 2021

The Minutes of the joint AGM and Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 16 November 2021 were proposed, seconded and agreed.

2. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the draft accounts for the period 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022 which showed a reasonable state of health in spite of the rigorous conditions which had prevailed during the past financial year.

A small surplus was reported despite expensive costs incurred which included the heat pump repair of approximately £1,500. Additional costs could still arise between the meeting and the financial year end on 30th June 2022.

Electricity represented a significant cost and the possibility of installing remotely controlled thermostats was discussed to try and lower the heating running costs. The contract with Octopus Energy was due for renewal and it was agreed that a 3 year contract could be the most cost effective option. Costs for electricity are set to rise by at least 75% per annum and possibly more.

(Post meeting: having contacted Octopus again they recommended a 2 year fixed rate contract with lower tariffs, and they have credited the account accordingly. The contract will be up for renewal 18 July 2024.)

The banking facilities were discussed as a charge of £8.60 per month had been imposed by HSBC, the current bankers. The Treasurer was planning on researching possibilities with Barclays. It was agreed Judy and Hannah would arrange to go to the bank in Salisbury to research options and transfer some funds on to deposit.

Kim Riche had again kindly agreed to audit the accounts FY 2021-2022.

3. Chairman's Report

Judy distributed a detailed budget forecast for the 12 month period commencing 1st July 2022 which currently showed a potential deficit of around £2,000 by year end. However, as more bookings come in over the next few months it was hoped it would not be problematic. Unfortunately Camera Club appears to have closed down. Gardening Club had kindly agreed to move to the second Tuesday of the month from September 2023, thus releasing Thursday evenings for a regular weekly class. This slot is provisionally booked for a regular weekly pregnancy yoga class. Post pandemic, other classes had been reduced in number. Monday yoga is one class a week (down from three) and pilates holds most sessions via zoom, with only one or two classes in the hall each month (down from four).

It is hoped that the Film Club will be restarted and there was a possibility that Hugo Vickers would come and give talks. These will be combined with a film with which he had been involved as adviser. (Post meeting: the first evening will be 27 September with 'The King's Speech' followed by 25 October 'French Lieutenant's Woman' and 22 November 'The Age of Innocence' These talks and films are being organized by Theresa Horsey, Clive Bullen and Mort Burdick)

Other income was discussed which mainly centred around the Jubilee Fete and after party. As it was to have been a non-profit making event it was unlikely any income would be received. However, prior to the event, a request had been made for Hall expenses to be covered which had been agreed. No figures or accounts for the event were available at time of the meeting so the situation was unclear. Following a request for information which was still awaited, it was hoped that a more accountable and transparent policy from the Enford Community Fund would be forthcoming.

The relaying of the slabs outside the hall was discussed but it appeared that there was a huge variation in the two estimates received, from £1,600 to £7,500. A further quotation would be sought to remedy only the trip hazards in the area leading up to the main door, as the rest of the paving seemed to be level. (Post meeting: this has been done with the paving work included with the replacement of all the rotted bollards along edge of recreation ground: total cost £632)

Judy distributed copies of the simplified hire charges structure which she had drafted, which was welcomed and agreed. She had revised certain other documents particularly the 'Leaving the Hall instructions' asking everyone to take away all their rubbish and to ensure lights were not left on. It was reported that increasingly requests were being received for discounts and / or use of the hall and facilities free of charge which is making bookings difficult to administer fairly. It was agreed that fee charges should be applied to ensure everyone was treated the same and hall costs are covered. (Parish Council Meetings and the Enford Junior Football Club sessions were to be the only exceptions)

4. Election of Bookings Secretary, Grounds and Maintenance Officers

Judy, Hamish and David were able to continue with these duties and were duly elected. The Trustee Responsibility forms were signed.

5. Election of Key Holders and Cheque Signatories

This was duly undertaken and the present incumbents Judy, David and Jane were willing to carry on as Key Holders, with Hannah, David, Judy, and Jane continuing as Cheque Signatories.

6. User Reports/Clubs

There were no reports of any note as usage had been less than hoped for. Camera Club had closed. Gardening Club and Short Mat Bowls were doing well.

7. Any Other Business

General maintenance was under control with no major costs envisaged in the short term. Hamish explained that maintaining the field had its own complications especially the rabbit damage which was almost impossible to curtail.

The viability of the village hall depends on getting new supporters, whether classes or private hirings. This was discussed and suggestions made re encouraging new participants. Active marketing through social media might help, and Judy would ask if anyone could help and undertake this role.

There was a brief discussion re future fundraising. Hamish felt that if the fireworks display went ahead, the hall would have to take a stronger stance with the Enford Community Fund re the contribution to the hall.

8. Proposed Dates

Judy suggested quarterly meetings rather than every two months, and this was agreed.

To be confirmed: Next meeting Tuesday 27th September. 6.45 Committee Meeting and 7.30 AGM.

Post Meeting: 27th September was requested for a Talk and Film Night to be held. Date of next meeting will be arranged via email with members.