

## PARISH HALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

**Present:** T. Postlethwaite, C. Postlethwaite, J. Lander, SA. Lander, , D. Hazlehurst, B. Lomas, C. Phipps, J. Pattison-Evans

**Apologies:** T. Hudson, P. Gilpin

Minutes of last meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 were read, confirmed and signed as a true and correct record.

### **Matters Arising:**

**The outside tap** is now operational. It is currently hidden between the bins and turned off from inside to prevent unauthorised use until a cover is sourced. Cost £110

**Heating.** Dan is proposing to get Gas heating installed. He has spoken to Cadon about bringing mains gas to the property, and this is estimated to come to approx. £4,500 to bring the gas from over a distance of 15m from the mains. It is suggested a 36Kw Combi boiler would be the best solution, located either in the kitchen or bar. Dan has asked Leighton McNamara to provide a quote for installing a system. A contact is also identified for a second quote. A third is to be found. The aim is to get this completed before the winter when energy usage will rise.

As this is expensive work, grants are to be investigated. Cathy is applying for the ESBC community lottery and investigating others including Elkes.

SallyAnne has started arranging fundraising events which will support both the Church and the Hall. 1<sup>st</sup> September Fashion show. 11<sup>th</sup> November Beetle Drive.

Investment income is also an option. It cannot be used for day-to-day expenditure, but is to be confirmed if it can be used for the heating system.

**Replacement of the bulkhead lights** will be reviewed before the winter to find the optimum solution. Potentially lights similar to the recently installed PIR light could be used.

**Bookings Secretary:** There have been limited private bookings. Dan is now able to see the bank details online to confirm payments have been made. Election day payment has been received and Dan secured an increase to £160 as the rate had not been changed for a number of years. The contact details for future bookings have also been updated. The charge for hire for the full day for elections is to be reviewed before the next time it is required.

**Treasurer's report:** £2,477 in the Bank. There is a large outstanding balance in (~£3900) owed to Eon for electricity, which needs to be cleared. Energy costs will be much reduced over the summer. Dan is to query if the hall could be on a better rate, as it is currently classed as a business. Investment account currently at £95,000. An increase in hire rates was discussed for September due to the high energy costs, however we don't want to make the hall prohibitively expensive to hire. Therefore, this will be discussed again at future meetings as we have more information on the timing of planned heating improvements. Change of Trustees is almost complete.

**Web Page:** May traffic: 66 clicks, 27 hall, 21 Newsletters. Cathy was contacted by Go Compare to put a link to information for what to do in the event of a flood on the website. We are reluctant to put a 'advertising link' on the website, but a condensed version of the information may be useful.

Date of next meeting Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July. at 7.15pm in the Church. Meeting closed 8.15pm

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