

## **SHIMPLING VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **DRAFT Minutes of the meeting - May 18th 2025**

#### **1. Present at meeting:**

Jenny Pine, Carol Squire, David Johnston, Pip Pryor, Gale Singfield,

Apologies for absence: Liz Brunwin, Sarah Milhench, Tina Campan, Sue Sharrock.

#### **2. Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes had been previously circulated. No amendments made and were agreed to be correct

#### **3. Feedback from PC Meeting**

The PC thanked the VHC committee for their recognized and appreciated ongoing hard work.

The PC has accepted there is work to be done on the exterior of the building. It was suggested that there may be loose render on the outside of the building which is adding to the dampness in the inside of the building.

The PC has allocated 3,250 pounds towards maintenance and repairs. However, they have asked the VHC to gather quotes from local builders by early July as there may be other grants/funding available,

Action:- Pip, David and Carole will talk to three local builders to seek possible quotes for work.

Action:- Laurence Rooke will also look at the state of the gutters as this could possibly be adding to the problem of dampness.

#### **4. Financial update**

Current VH account position – Jenny reported a healthy balance of around

4,392 pounds (which may fluctuate a little with upcoming workshops). Jenny noticed regular bank charges on the account and queried this with the bank. They explained that the account was a community account which incurs a standard monthly charge of 4.25 pounds/month.

#### **Solar Panel update -Carol**

Carol is working on gathering the documentation for EDF. The ultimate goal is to generate enough electricity to cover the VH needs and the surplus will be sent to the grid to generate money for the VH.

#### **Sports Equipment for the village update -Carol**

Carol reported that the VH was not given any money for sports equipment ( specifically new age Bowls and Kurling). This was unsuccessful as there were higher areas of need in other places. This grant application has now been shelved.

#### **5. Hall bookings update – Carol**

Carol reported that pilates is well attended since adding the Wednesday evening session. She reported that the teacher has people from other villages attending which makes up the numbers. Zumba is also doing well.

There are no new private bookings for the hall.

**Fit Villages update** – Carol is awaiting a response from Henry Lane (Active Suffolk) about providing the funding for the short mat bowls.

Action: Carol to follow up with Henry

Film nights are planned for 17th June and 15th July. There will be no film night in August.

Action:- Carol will submit film information to the village newsletter along with dates for the rural coffee caravan and upcoming workshops.

## **6. Future VH Events:**

**Table Tennis coach** – Jenny reported that through family connections she has been informed about a coach who has level one certification who could be suitable to hire to run table tennis sessions aimed at young people in the summer. She also reported that the Halifax Trust had agreed to support this as well.

Action: Jenny is still awaiting a response and Carol will ask Henry from Fit Villages if he has any recommendations.

## **Income generating events for 2024 /2025**

Ceilidh / Barn Dance – 9TH AUGUST at Shimpling Park Farm Barns – both the barns and the band has been booked. Tickets are starting to sell between Shimpling and Alpheton promoting the event.

Catering - There was a discussion that Sarah will provide a cold ploughman's supper at 6 pounds/head. The Halifax Trust will also provide 260 pounds towards the food.

Raffle prizes are needed for the event.

Action – all committee members to help secure raffle prizes including Alpheton.

**Quiz update** – The quiz will be held on Saturday November 15th at the VH. A fish and chip supper will be provided. Carol has approached The Bush to see if they would be willing to provide this once they are up and running. A firm decision will be made at a later date.

**Arts/Crafts workshops** – Carol reported that there will be a scheduled pottery workshop on November 22nd to make Christmas decorations. The decorations will be fired and returned in time for Christmas decorating.

The Silver Jewellery workshop will need to be rescheduled again. Carol will update on possible dates in September.

The VHC discussed future collaborations with The Bush pub once it is up and running again. There was excitement about possible events that we could work on together.

## **7. Maintenance and improvement of the hall**

August clean up will be either on the 13th or the 20th. Committee members will check their calendars. Ideas for the clean up included sprucing up the inside.

## **8) Health and Safety update- David**

Fire safety poster is now in the VH and it was suggested to move it to the entryway where it is more visible.

Annual Fire evacuation drill – David has suggested this could be done just before film night at a date to be decided.

A support is needed to hold up the sign to show the fire evacuation point.

Annual PAT information has been sent to David and he will look at it.

Action: David to oversee the fire drill and possible sign support

## **9. Any other business**

David asked for clarification from Carol that when she books events, she checks for the correct liability insurance. Carol confirmed she did this in advance or on a specific website.

## **Dates of regular meetings:**

**July 28th**

**September 22nd**

**November 24th**