

SHIMPLING VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes – Monday 20th May 2024

1. Present at meeting & apologies for absence:

Present: Nathalie Brown Jenny Pine Carol Squire Bernard Essery Pip Pryor Sue Sharrock Liz Brunwin

Apologies: Tina Campan

2. Minutes of the last meeting

- Minutes agreed

3. Chair's report

Only a week to go until Shimpling Celebrates!

It's taken a lot of organising but weather permitting it should be a great day.

Plans for the summer dance are well underway and tickets will go on sale soon.

The film night in June will be the Great Escaper in commemoration of the D Day landings 80 years ago. The My Thai truck will also be at the hall.

Q. Shall we put little bunting up? **Agreed it would be appropriate.**

The weekly exercise classes are well attended but I've noticed that dance club is struggling with numbers sometimes.

Q. What else could be done to get new recruits??? **Committee to bring ideas to next meeting**

The results of the fit village survey came back, short mat bowls and general fitness were the 2 most requested. Carol is liaising with their project lead to find tutors.

The rural caravan continues to be well attended, and the covid booster jabs were well received.

Maintenance

All internal maintenance is up to date.

Pat testing will be done in July.

The annual inventory will be done sometime in August.

Future action: The gazebo wall securing brackets are loose and need repairing.

Following changes in water heaters and external lights the paintwork needs touching up.

Fire Doors also ideally need painting before the winter.

Action: Find out if we still have the paint and ask John Sinclair if he is willing to do the work.

Meeting between Parish Council and Village Hall reps

The Parish Council finances available to support the village hall will be limited this coming year (24-25). Funding has been set aside for the renewal of the Village Hall Grounds lease legal costs (circa £6000) and for the installation of the Wi-Fi (£3000).

It was proposed and agreed that the village hall committee will manage and pay for all revenue requirements of the hall (excluding insurance and grass cutting) and the Parish Council will support the capital expenditure either directly or by applying for grants from Babergh. A small reserve of circa £2500 will be held to support the capital needs of the VH.

Grants being applied for are Solar Panel grant and Electric Car charge point. The PC will also look for grants to apply for to refurbish the hall – replace fire doors / put in new doors and any other changes needed.

4. Financial update

- Current VH account position & year end accounts certification

Jenny reported that the accounts for 2023 - 4 were signed off .

The current position is healthy with circa £3800 in the account, and the forward projection of expenditure and income for the year shows we should continue to break even.

- Proposed spending for 2024 / 5
 - Additional table (square)
 - new tablecloths – white and if we make sufficient profits at the income generation events, blackout blinds at the windows and doors

Action: Carol to investigate and report back

5. Hall bookings update – Carol

- Regular External / Private Bookings - see events schedule. No new private bookings to date.
- Fit Villages Survey Results & proposed action.

The top requests were for evening fitness sessions (Thursdays) and short mat indoor bowls. Discussed how to increase the appeal of a fitness session – eg equipment to include weights. Carol reported that the Fit Villages project source and pay for the instructor and the hall hire for the first 8 weeks to get the session up and running. The project would expect the instructor to have the equipment needed for the sessions.

Short mat bowls – if the instructor doesn't have the equipment the project would probably fund it depending on the cost.

Action: Carol to continue to pursue getting the fitness session and find out the cost of bowls equipment
- Fit Villages Survey for Young People – proposed to start after the bank holiday / half term

6. Future VH Events:

- Children and Families activities and events

Shimpling Celebrates Day 27th May 2024 – see planning sheet

Bouncy castle power – Nathalie to ask John Paul if we can use his power and extension lead

Basketball shootout – Matt to do as David J is away

Tina to provide gazebos

Egg throwing challenge – everyone to collect items to make the egg baskets

Basketball contest – Carol to order basketball

Burger and chips at the pub from 4pm - £5 (£3 if just burger and £2.50 if just chips) – vouchers to be sold at the event and in the pub
- Income generating events for 2024
 - Joint Shimpling & Alpheton Summer Dance – 3rd August Shimpling Park Farm Barns – discussed at earlier meeting with Alpheton VH
 - Quiz – **Bernard to organise for October.** Discuss next meeting

Other sessions

- Digital / Tech session – **Bernard to set a date**

7. Maintenance & improvement of the hall

- Review of improvements list – discussed earlier – see above
 - Annual inventory check and disposal of unwanted / broken items including the old stage in the storeroom – volunteers needed – usually done August.
- Action:** To set date at next meeting

8. Health & Safety

- Annual Fire evacuation drill – needs to be done soon

Action - Bernard to organise drill at next committee meeting – 22nd July

- Fire System 6 monthly maintenance – completed today 20th May. Emergency light outside the storeroom back door needed fixing, otherwise all the system fully working.
- Fire extinguishers due to be checked on the 15th of August am
- Annual PAT Testing booked for 9am on the 11th of July 9am – **Sue / Pip** will open up and oversee
- Annual Fire equipment service – due 15th August 9.30am

9. Any other business

Nothing raised

Dates of regular meetings: 4th Monday of every other month at **7-9pm** 2024

22nd July

23rd September

25th November

27th January 2025

24th March 2025