

SHIMPLING VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE
Minutes of the meeting Monday 3rd Oct 2022 at 7.30pm

Those present : Nathalie Brown, Bernard Essery, Glenda Peck, Liz Brunwin, Carol Squire

1. Apologies for absence

Jim Lucas
Marian Peck
Tina Bird

2. Minutes of the last meeting - Pilates teacher - Louise Fuller - name to be corrected and then minutes agreed.

3. Matters arising:

- Energy usage – energy provider switch completed. Awaiting installation of the smart meter. Appointment on the 3rd Oct but the engineer was unable to complete the work. A new date will be provided and compensation of £30 claimed.
- Update of the “Your Hall” website Shimpling Village Hall entry discussed.
Action: Carol to add photos from committee members and research other halls entries, charge rates and events and report back to committee next meeting.
- Proposal to offer the village hall as a Sanctuary for pilgrims using the St Edmunds Way – agreed.
Action: Carol to contact the Pilgrimage Trust and complete the information page including key collection and setting a £10 minimum donation requirement.
- Parking outside the village hall - discussion on how best to keep the access to Homestead clear. Agreed a removable sign should be available to use when events are taking place if it happens again.

4. Financial report

Written report provided by Marian for Sept / Oct

Income:

Children's Party	£32
Pilates sessions	£40 (4 sessions at £10 ph)
PCC post Fete event	£16 (2 hours @ £8 ph)
Zumba sessions	£16 (2 sessions @ £8 ph)
Table Tennis	£24 (3 hours @ £8 ph)
Harvest Supper	£. (x hours @ 8 ph)

Expenses:

EDF DD	£56
EON DD Final	£39.16
Cleaning	£40
WAVE (water)	£32.72

5. Hall bookings - Marian's Report

- Private function Sept 2022
- PCC post Fete event 26.09.22
- Pilates session 26.09.22 - end Oct Mondays at 11.15am
- Table Tennis evening 30.09.22
- PCC Harvest Supper evening 01.10.22

6. Future booked Village events

- Gold Zumba - every Friday at 1pm starting Oct 7th
- WI bookings Nov – Mar 2nd Tuesday evening every month 2022 - 2023
- Christening Party - 20th November 2022 1-4pm
- Parish Council Meeting - 21st November 2022 - evening.
- *November 2022 – Panto – Jack & the Bean Stalk - Alpherton Village Hall*
- 14th January 2023 - Shanty Folk – Shimpling Village Hall. Fee to be given to the RNLI. Fish and chip evening.
- Local elections - May 2023

Discussion about how to publicise events more widely and increase visibility.

Agreed to:

- maximise use of the notice boards
- approach PCC to install additional ones where there are gaps e.g. by the play park in Halifax Place
- ensure the information is kept up to date
- send alerts via the village round robin, WhatsApp
- print information and include flyers in the village newsletters

The Village Hall also now has AV equipment - it is hoped this will be installed by Christmas and will widen the potential uses of the hall.

7. Other Suggestions/Proposals:

Discussion re the best way to engage residents of all ages - improving the provision of events for younger people and children now there are more families in the village. Nathalie has approached Sophie to join the committee to provide a focus on younger residents and find out what they would like to see happening.

Action: Nathalie to contact Sophie

Discussed what Christmas events could be staged this year - 2022

Proposed:

- Christmas Disco,
- Mulled wine, mince pies and Christmas Jumpers evening,
- Children's Christmas tea (new Santa Claus will be needed)

Action: Dates / times need to be agreed at the next meeting.

Liz to find out when the church Christmas Market and Carol Service are planned to take place so we can fit around these dates. A committee meeting to be held in November will focus on the organisation of Christmas events

Nathalie to circulate the date. Glenda has a scheduling clash so it was agreed that the start time will be 8pm.

Grahame and Sylvia have suggested they could run a games afternoon

Action: Nathalie to find out what dates / times and games are needed and agree a start date.

Carol suggested coffee mornings - perhaps approaching the Rural Coffee Caravan who have run one in Alpheton in August.

Action: Carol to make contact and find out what interest they generated and whether they will run one in Shimpling and when.

Nathalie suggested that we could look into getting guest speakers on hot topics - e.g. Energy saving strategies, money saving in the current climate.

8) Maintenance of the hall/ Health & Safety issues.

Cleaning & maintenance – Marian's update report noted.

Concern about the state of the back and fire doors

Action: Lawrence to be approached to do the remedial work needed

Fire Drill - discussed and agreed this needs to be done during an event.

An assembly area is needed - not currently listed.

Bernard proposed that people could use his front lawn (Old School) as the assembly point. Agreed

Action: Fire Notice poster detailing the new assembly point will need to be printed and attached to the hall wall.

Carol to find out if there is a standard poster that we should use and get printed / installed.

9. AOB

Discussed The Bush - Bernard is in the process of securing the next landlord and hopes to have the pub open by Christmas.

Discussed the need to work cooperatively with the new landlord to complement each others events.

Date of next meeting: 14th November 2022 at 8.00pm - Nathalie to confirm

