

Yelvertoft Village Hall Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th October 2022 at 7.30, at Yelvertoft Village Hall

Roger Griffiths	Chair Person	
John Kemsley	Secretary	
Francis Powell	Treasurer	
Liz Lowther	Bookings secretary	
Bob Flanagan		Badminton
John Nichols		
Keith Bevin		Cricket Club
Michael Larder		Bowls and PCC

Apologies

Nigel Mercer, Chris Ryan, Jane Frodsham, Ellie Pittam

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.

Hall Management

- a) Website – Bob F now ready to train John K. Bob F and John K to fix time. Liz L continues to work on regular users to provide contributions to the website.
- b) Theatre by the Pond – Handrails – Roger G to request quotation to repair from Paul Williams.
The underground power supply – John K to investigate when ground less hard.
- c) Jubilee Tree planting – Awaiting PC requirements.
- d) Locking car park – Monitoring concludes currently no noise problem consequently gates have not been locked. Monitoring to continue.
- e) Disabled access to bar area – Contrary to the report in last month's minutes the ramp is still in place. It was agreed that John K would remove the ramp as it is concluded that this is not, and cannot be made, safe.
- f) Disabled car parking – Regarding signage Roger G will speak with representatives from Crick Sports Centre regarding a stencil and Liz L will obtain signs for the wall.
- g) Succession planning – Roger G to convene a subcommittee meeting.
- h) Kitchen wall cupboards – Quote awaited from Simon.
- i) Village Hall Anniversary – There are no plans to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the hall.
- j) Appearance of Hall end wall – Liz L discussed with Dave Gray the use of a covering that would seal cracks and paint the wall in one operation. Quotation estimate £1,400 forward Francis P.
- k) Hall sound system – The new sound equipment was used for the film night. It was easy to use and provided excellent sound. John K will write clear instructions and the equipment will then be available to hire for £10.
- l) Wine glasses – With the approval of Roger G and Francis P new wine glasses of a uniform size have been purchased and the previous collection of glasses have gone to a good home.
- m) Screen wall – Roger will now ask Paul Williams to quote using the correct paint.
- n) New mower – As replacement cost would be high the old mower has been repaired.
- o) Septic Tank – Bob F and John N managed to clear the blockage that was preventing the septic tank operating efficiently. Bob F will purchase and fit a replacement cover for the overflow inspection chamber. Roger G thanked Bob F and John N for their efforts.
- p) Disposable Plates – Liz L reported that the waste bin was frequently full of disposable plates. The committee agreed using our china plates and washing in the dishwasher was more environmentally friendly. Incentives to encourage this were discussed. A note will be put on the website.
- q) Contact numbers on VH front door – This list to be replaced using mobile phone numbers.
- r) Internal door repair and repainting – Roger G estimated total number of doors at 11/12. Cost could be £100 per door. Bob F was asked to prioritise the doors needing urgent attention and obtain a quote for these doors at this stage.
- s) Touch up painting – The wall exposed by the removal of the old heaters is to be painted during a

Saturday morning work party. 9.00pm on 15 October was suggested. Liz L to confirm this does not impact on bookings.

Health and Safety

- a)RoSPA Report issues –Simon has submitted an increased quotation of £625 as the skate park has deteriorated since the original quote. It was agreed that Roger G would ask Simon to go ahead.
- b)Children’s play area safety issues –Last meeting David R was asked to speak with Richard Bevin regarding dealing with the moss and overhanging trees. Report required from David R.

Pre-school

- a)Report from Jane F –Included purchase of blinds and a reminder regarding the Pumpkin Festival on 29 October.

Bookings

- a)Bookings – Liz L report that coming events include 3 Diwali bookings and a number of dog shows. LizL has also been encouraging the extension of badminton to two events per week and the development of a table tennis club.
- b)Saturday Café –The provision of bacon sammys at the September Café was very successful. Michael L will do a bowls “taster” at the October Café. Roger G thanked Liz L for her work in making this regular event a success.
- c)Film night – The Elvis film was enjoyed by 55 people and the experience was enhanced by the new, virtually silent, heating system, the sound attenuation and the new sound system. The next film date will depend on events in November and December but is likely now to be in the New Year.
- d)Barn Dance – This also looks likely to be in the New Year. Liz L to liaise with Andy Wenham.
- e)Murder Mystery production –Liz L trying to get information from West Haddon Players. Then need to decide ticket price and develop a band of helpers as there will be much to do.

Funding

- a)Audio Post(s) and Interpretation Board for Pocket Park –Francis P reminded Roger G that the £500 grant needs spending before March. Roger G circulated the current proposals for the Pocket Park sign. Michael L thought we should have more seats round the Pocket Park. Roger G reported simple but sturdy seats were available from Harleston, cost £450.
- b)Link with Greenhaven – In the interests of developing our financial connections with the funeral business Michael reported that currently Greenhaven use contacts in Crick for funeral related functions. Michael L was asked to make contact with Towers the Funeral Directors.
- c)Next windfarm money project – Two recently tabled projects were thought to be too expensive. They were; resurfacing the car park and refurbishing the children’s play area. Roger G was asked to get quotes for further discussion

Treasurer’s Report

Francis P reported that we have £5000 available to spend and proposed the following for discussion next meeting:-

- Painting of the doors
- Painting the screen in the hall
- Repairing and painting the end external wall.

Pocket Park

No report submitted. Concern was again expressed about the reed growth in the pond and the potential high cost of removal. Input required from Roger G and Jo G.

Date of Next Meeting

8th November2022 at 7.30 in the Village Hall