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PIDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

9TH MAY 2023. 7.30PM

CHAIRMAN MIKE NEWBURY

IN ATTENDANCE: Mike Newbury (MN) Mario Terzino (MT) Deborah Walton (DW) Karen Joy (KJ) Chris Weavers (CW)

 1. Mike welcomed the villagers to the meeting and the committee members introduced themselves.

 2. Mike asked everyone to observe one minute’s silence after the loss of Ken Howard, a highly respected member of the village and a important member of our village community.

 3. Apologies - none received.

 4. Declaration of Trustees’ Interest. Mario and Mike confirmed they were members of the Parish Council.

 5. The Treasurer, Chris, gave a review of the village hall finances, discussing income from clubs and expenditure used to maintain and improve the village hall. Items mentioned were the new fire doors, wine cooler, curtains and general maintenance. He listed the amount of funds received from various grants to facilitate the impending installation on solar panels which will greatly help reducing the financial burden of electricity costs in the future. This has been a great deal of work applying and will greatly benefit the hall and the community that use it. The trustees have secured a grant of £41.5k (£39k Valencia, £1k PPC, £1K Oxford CC and £500 The Pantry) leaving a shortfall of £4.5k (revised Stratford quote is £46k.) Chris is still applying for grants to cover this. A question was asked regarding the signing off of the village accounts and this will be reviewed at the next meeting to ensure we are fully complying with requirements. His report will be attached to these minutes. It was also suggested that we look into Trustee insurance, noted and will be on the next agenda.

 6. The events of the year were listed: Wine tasting x3, the Jubilee Big Lunch, Bingo, Ukulele Night, Mulled Wine event, Christmas Market, Table Top Sale, Art Exhibition, Pop up Pubs, Coffee Mornings and a Tea Dance. All for the villagers and were well attended. We also said goodbye to three trustees, Sandra, Sam and Kim, and thanked them for their contributions.

 7. Solar panels. Mario outlined the plans for the solar panel installation which is now scheduled for June, having been delayed waiting for specific parts. This will be a big benefit to the hall especially in times of power failure in the village and we should also benefit from selling the electricity back to the grid. A question was asked about insurance for the solar batteries. This has been noted and will be reviewed at the next meeting. We are not expecting an increase in the premiums.

 8. Looking forward to the next 12 months: the attendees were asked for suggestions for events. A cinema event was suggested and will be investigated. Other events planned are: Oxford Art Week in May, where we will host artists in the village hall, and a pop up pub planned for that week. A quiz in July, the Christmas Market, wine tasting, and a first aid refresher course, we also hope to hold a bingo night.

 9. New members, how to encourage people to join or assist was discussed. General opinion is that we just have to continue encouraging people and hold events suitable for the village.

 10. Re-election of trustees. The trustees all stood for re-election for a further year.

 11. Any other business. The state of the car park was mentioned. Mario has arranged for someone to quote for this, and Chris will look into trying to get a grant to assist. The playground has a new subcommittee overseen by Mario to ensure it is safe. An attendee thanked the committee for their continuing hard work.

 12. Meeting closed at 8.45pm

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