

SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Held on Thursday 4th June 2020 at 7.30 pm via “Zoom”

Present: Alan Ball, Bruce Batting, Ivan Gosden, Bruce Jones, Natalie Larner & Nick Robinson

In attendance: Eleanor Burt

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Ian Sellars.

2. **Caretaker’s Request to Keep a Dog**

Bruce Batting reported that he had spoken to Hazel on the telephone. Hazel was informed that the Committee had agreed in principle that she could keep a dog subject to the breed of dog being approved and Hazel taking out public liability insurance. It was also agreed that the dog should not arrive before the building works shortly to commence have been completed.

Bruce Batting agreed to write to the Caretaker to confirm that she may keep a dog subject to the above conditions.

Action: Bruce Batting to contact the Caretaker and confirm the Committee’s decision

3. **Boundary Wall With The Well House**

Bruce Batting confirmed that he now has a copy of the village hall deeds but that there is only one very old reference to boundaries. It was agreed to take out the Laurel on a “without prejudice” basis. Bruce Batting reported that Paul Bailey will be looking at the deeds on behalf of the seller’s agent. It was agreed that this matter cannot be resolved immediately.

Natalie will telephone the current owner of The Well House to explain the situation regarding the boundary wall.

Action: Natalie to contact the current owner of The Well House

4. **Biffin’s Kitchen**

Following discussion it was agreed to give George Biffin a 2/3 week trial running a take away kitchen from the Village Hall. It was agreed that Nick Robinson would advise George Biffin to book the village hall on line.

Action: Nick Robinson to advise George Biffin to book the Village Hall on line

5. **Way Forward to Opening Village Hall**

Following discussion it was agreed to furlough the Caretaker as soon as possible and to consider options available further at the next meeting. It was also agreed to top up the Caretaker’s salary to 100% and it was noted that we need to be on the furlough scheme by 10th June. Ivan agreed to ensure that the necessary action is taken to furlough the Caretaker.

Action: Ivan to arrange for the Caretaker to be included on the furlough scheme

6. **Village Market**

It was agreed that the monthly village market cannot recommence at the present time.

7. **Membership of ACRE**

It was agreed to continue membership of ACRE on the minimum level

8. **Loddon Valley Link**

It was agreed to include the following in the Loddon Valley Link next edition:

Village Hall will reopen as soon as possible

Grant secured for extension/kitchen – currently out to tender – contract should be awarded by the end of June

Biffin's Kitchen to be operating at the Village Hall

Happy Faces Playgroup – praise for continuing to look after children of key workers

Picture of key workers flag

9. Other Business

Kitchen Plans – It was noted that Sheena Archer has given her comments on the kitchen proposals.

Ivan confirmed that the doorway to the new kitchen will be where the window is currently positioned.

Discussion followed on the possible problem with only having one door into/out of the kitchen. Ivan agreed to have another discussion with the architect to see if there could be an alternative.

List of Actions:

Bruce Batting to contact the Caretaker and confirm the Committee's decision

Natalie to contact the current owner of The Well House

Nick Robinson to advise George Biffin to book the Village Hall on line

Ivan to arrange for the Caretaker to be included on the furlough scheme