

## SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Held on Tuesday 10th November 2020 at 7.30 pm via “Zoom”

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

**In attendance:** Gilly Duckworth

### 1. Apologies for Absence

All members were present.

### 2. Reason for Meeting

Natalie explained that the reason for the extra meeting was due to the fact that the deadline for submission of copy for the December and January editions of the Loddon Valley Link is 14<sup>th</sup> November meaning that decisions need to be made about provisional bookings made for the next few months in order to ensure that deposits paid are not lost.

### 3. Updates

**Brick In Time** – almost £2,500 raised to date

**Mail Chimp & Just Giving** – Gilly working on these

Gilly reported that the Just Giving account is nearly sorted – just required now are copies of ID from two Trustees. Ian Sellars and Natalie Larner agreed to do this – Gilly will be in touch with details.

**Community Lottery** – Natalie asked whether we should get involved. Email information had been circulated. Ian Sellars felt that more avenues of fund raising would show that the Village Hall is still alive and kicking. Agreed to go ahead with the Community Lottery.

### 4. Christmas Events in the Village

Natalie suggested a santa board for photos in the Village Hall car park as well as having maybe a Christmas tree, decorations and lights at the front of the Hall. Another suggestion was encouraging householders to put up Christmas scarecrows/pictures. St Leonards are putting QR codes around the village at which villagers can use their mobiles to play carols. Nick suggested putting a nativity scene in the pedestrian entrance in the front wall using a gazebo. Also discussed putting a Christmas tree at the front of the hall. Ian said he thought there was a photo board behind the shed in the hall garden from the fete which may be able to be adapted.

**Action: Nick Robinson will investigate some figures, lights etc.**

**Ivan Gosden will check the shed in the garden to see if the board stored there is useable**

Basingstoke Concert Band would like to do something in the village at Christmas, maybe a small group outside the Village Hall, or on the green, or going round the Village in a vehicle. It was agreed to think more about this and maybe also contact the new landlord at the Four Horseshoes. It was agreed that this will depend on what is allowable. It was agreed to discuss this again at the December Management Meeting.

### 5. Upcoming Events - Puppet Show & Barn Dance (24<sup>th</sup> January & 31<sup>st</sup> January)

Puppet Show - cancellation period is 6 weeks. £450 is the cost for the puppet show. It was agreed that Natalie should contact the Puppet Show and find out what the options are so that a decision can be made at the December meeting.

Barn Dance – it was agreed to postpone until March/April time – Natalie to ask Derek what dates are available or the possibility of holding a folk band evening.

**6. New Kitchen Official Opening**

Discussion took place on the type of event for the kitchen opening. Kitchen should be ready at the end of December. Opening could be in February with necessary officials and then invite residents to book visits and also to include possible corporate clients. Wendy has spoken to George Blower (chef) and he is willing to get involved in cooking at the opening event.

It was agreed to discuss this further at the December meeting.

**7. Loddon Valley Link**

Natalie will include information on Amazon Smile, Brick in Time, Community Lottery as well as update on kitchen, vague information on January events including user groups hopefully returning and “Watch this space for Christmas”.

**8. Other Business**

Parish Council meeting agreed to donate £50 to Buy a Brick – 3 members of public objected, John Darker and John Attwood defended the grant (the objections were because the bricks were to be in the name of individual Parish Councillors)

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

Next meeting to be held Monday, 24th November, 2020 at 8 p.m.

**List of Actions:**

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