

## **SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Held on Monday 1st June 2020 at 7.30 pm via “Zoom”**

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

**In attendance:** Eleanor Burt & Gilly Duckworth

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Bruce Jones & Natalie Larner.

2. **Minutes of Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May had been circulated and were agreed as a correct record.

3. **Duckworth Marketing Report – Gilly Duckworth gave the following report:**

**“Defra/ACRE Village Hall Improvement Grant Scheme (£13k)**

We have been awarded £37,400 to pay the VAT on £75,000 of expenditure.

**Veolia (£30k)**

Application in progress. Veolia will only fund items such as flooring, tiles, etc. Awaiting quotes for these from Leo.

**LEADER Rural Fund (£50k)**

Application in progress.

**Garfield Weston Foundation (£90k)**

Application in progress

**Website**

Statistics:

382 people viewed the website, compared with 90 last month.

These people looked at 788 pages, which is 289% more than last month.

We had 97% new visitors (87% last month) and 3% returning visitors (13% last month).

Popular pages were: Home, Meeting Minutes, Weddings, Facilities & Booking, Activities, News & Events, Our Trustees, Parish Council Report”.

4. **Extension Update**

Ivan reported that quotations had been received for the kitchen refurbishment. One quotation was significantly higher, the other two were very similar. Quotations for the building works are due to be received later in the month. It was agreed that a decision will need to be made on which quotes to accept at the July management meeting.

It was also noted that when works start access will need to be gained through the Caretaker’s front garden and also part of the car park to the front of the Village Hall will need to be fenced off for storage of materials/equipment.

5. **Caretaker’s Dog Request**

Ivan reported that the Caretaker would like to be able to take on a dog from a Rescue Centre should one suitable become available. The Caretaker is aware that if she has a dog it would only be allowed to be in her cottage and garden. Nick expressed concern about the breed of dog to be allowed bearing in mind the proximity to children at Happy Faces Playschool. Bruce Batting agreed to talk to the Caretaker again about her request.

**Action: Bruce Batting to discuss again with the Caretaker her request to be able to keep a dog**

**6. Boundary Wall with The Well House**

In connection with the sale of The Well House a question has arisen over responsibility for the boundary brick wall. Bruce Batting reported that he should have access to the deeds on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and will report back to the next meeting. He also pointed out that the flying freehold in connection with the barn to the rear of The Well House will also need to be sorted out.

**7. Caretaker – Government Furlough Scheme**

Nick said that he would like the Committee to consider whether the Caretaker should be furloughed now that she has completed the various jobs required to be carried out. It was agreed that this should be discussed at the next meeting.

**Action: Discussion to take place at next meeting on whether Caretaker should be furloughed**

**8. Suspension of Meeting**

Due to the fact that Ivan's connection to the meeting failed due to a power cut it was agreed to reconvene the meeting on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 p.m.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

Meeting to be reconvened on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 p.m.

**List of Actions:**

**Bruce Batting to discuss again with the caretaker her request to be allowed to keep a dog**

**Discussion to take place at next meeting on whether caretaker should be furloughed**