

SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Held on Monday 9th December 2019 at 8.00 pm in the Liddell Hall at the Village Hall

Present: Bruce Batting, Ivan Gosden, Brue Jones, Natalie Larner, Nick Robinson,
Ian Sellars & Gilly Duckworth

In attendance: Eleanor Burt & Audrey Gordon

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Alan Ball.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 11th November 2019

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th November had been circulated and were agreed as a correct record.

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

“Local Infrastructure Fund (LIF)

Meeting 9 December with BDBC to go through processes and procedures, such as timescales, when and how to claim funds, tender process expectations.

BDBC to provide updated list of potential funding sources.

Defra/ACRE Village Hall Improvement Grant Scheme

We have been approved to move to stage 2 of the application process. Working with Kevin Sawers at Action Hampshire on this. Kevin has to submit the application on our behalf.

Four Lanes Trust

Bob will meet the Trustees of the Four Lanes Trust on 3 March and needs some information: footfall, shopping list for funds between £500 and £1500.

In progress:

Veolia – accepted for next phase of the application. Requesting £30k
LEADER Rural Funding - new funds made available. Requesting £50k

Website

908 people visited the website, an increase of 13% on last month.
68% new visitors to the website, and 32% repeat visitors, almost the same as last month.

Most popular pages: Home, Activities, Facilities & Booking, Book Here, Sunday Market, News & Events, Contact, Photo Gallery”.

Discussion took place on whether it would be possible to encourage the village community to raise funds towards the extension, however it was agreed that this would probably prove difficult in view of the fact that it is difficult to even raise interest in attending village hall fund raising events.

4. Extension Update

Ivan Gosden reported that information and a letter from Leo Mulkerns had been circulated to committee members. Questions raised by Leo were discussed and answers noted. Ian Sellars agreed to put together a spreadsheet detailing footfall.

Action: Ian Sellars to produce a spreadsheet detailing footfall records

5. Main Hall Floor

Ivan Gosden reported that Roger Fuller will be working on repairs to the main hall floor between Christmas and the New Year.

6. Actions From Open Meeting

Chimney – Nick Robinson has not yet looked at the chimney

Hallmaster – Gilly & Wendy working on improving set up of Hallmaster

Screens (main hall) – Ian Sellars agreed to order the screen dividers

Grant application to Parish Council – application not yet made to the Parish Council

Liddell Hall – Natalie Larner to investigate ways of improving sound in the Liddell Hall

Cricket Pavilion, Change of Use Application – agreed that a letter only to be sent to the Borough Council if the Parish Council applies for a grant

Facebook – Nick Robinson to put relevant information onto Facebook for the Village Hall

Action: Nick Robinson to look at chimney

Ian Sellars to order screen dividers for main hall

Application for grant to be submitted to the Parish Council (not sure who!)

Nick Robinson to put relevant information on Facebook for the Village Hall

7. Fete Update

Ivan Gosden reported that the fete funds were now in the correct bank account.

8. Appointment of New Treasurer

Audrey Gordon asked a few questions regarding the financial/charity details of the Village Hall.

Bruce Batting and Bruce Jones confirmed that they are in the process of sorting out the transfer of the lease and CIO.

9. Meeting Date Change

It was agreed to change Village Hall Management Committee meetings to the first Monday of each month with effect from the February meeting. The January meeting will be held on 13th January 2020.

10. Finance

Ivan Gosden reported that the bank balance currently stands at £56,000 across two bank accounts.

A quotation had been received for replacing the current boiler with two new boilers in a new location.

It was agreed to obtain further quotes.

Action: Ivan Gosden to obtain further quotations for the replacement boiler/s.

11. Other Business

Ian Sellars suggested that next year we should have a bigger Christmas tree. It was agreed to discuss this later in the year in 2020.

It was agreed to remove the “admin@” email address on Hallmaster as it is not working

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 13th January 2020 at 8.00 p.m.

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