

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

**Meeting Held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.30 pm via “Zoom”**

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

**In attendance:** Eleanor Burt

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Gilly Duckworth and Nick Robinson.

**2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020**

Minutes of the meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August had been circulated and were agreed as a correct record.

**3. Report from Duckwood Marketing**

Gilly was not present at the meeting but Ivan reported that Gilly hopes to hear from Veolia shortly regarding the grant application. Unfortunately there has been no progress with the application via Rhydian Vaughan.

Since the meeting Gilly has provided the following update:

**“Veolia (£30k)**

Extra information has been submitted to support the application.

**Screwfix Foundation (£5k)**

Application sent 7 August. This will be reviewed in September and we will be contacted by November.

**National Lottery**

Application in progress.

**Hampshire County Council Councillor’s Grant**

I have produced a letter of justification for a grant of up to £45k to Rhydian, who has forwarded it with his support to Nicola Horsey, Assistant Director Community and Regulatory Services. Unfortunately, we have been informed by Nicola that no County Councillors have grants available of more than £10k for the year.

**Website**

Tidied up the Meeting Minutes webpage into years.

Statistics:

196 people viewed the website, compared with 155 last month.

These people looked at 494 340 pages, which is 37% more than last month.

We had 75% new visitors (77% last month) and 25% returning visitors (23% last month)

Popular pages were: Home, Weddings, Book Here, Facilities & Bookings, Contact, Activities, News & Events”.

**4. Update of Building Works**

Ivan Gosden reported that the gas service had been rerouted (although this took a week to undertake) and the gas will be connected at the weekend. Holes have been filled in. The kitchen has been taken out as well as the back of the bar. Footings will commence this week with oversite the following week. Ivan asked members of the Committee to contact him with any queries and not to direct queries to the builders.

Ivan asked that a working party meet at the hall on 9<sup>th</sup> September at 10am to clear the main hall of items which have been put there temporarily – he suggested that the bowls mats and band equipment

are moved out of the lobby and then the old kitchen units are put into the lobby. Also the cooker and wine fridge need to be moved to the Garden Room.

**Action: Working Party to meet at the hall at 10am on 9<sup>th</sup> September to clear items from the main hall**

#### **5. Caretaker**

Discussion took place regarding the furlough of the Caretaker. Ivan agreed to meet the Caretaker and discuss a way forward. It was noted that Yoga and Bowls are shortly coming back to use the hall. NADFAS, Flower Club and Quilters will probably not return until February.

**Action: Ivan to discuss a way forward with the Caretaker**

#### **6. Village Hall Monthly Market**

WCs will be available for stallholders only. Natalie Larner will discuss details of the Market with Wendy Gosden and the Caretaker.

**Action: Natalie to discuss details for the Market with Wendy Gosden and the Caretaker**

#### **7. Caretaker's Kitchen**

The old hall kitchen will be fitted into the Caretaker's kitchen at a later date following completion of the current building works at the Hall. It was noted that Nick Robinson has offered to install the kitchen.

#### **8. Loddon Valley Link**

Items to be included in the October Loddon Valley Link are an update on the groups coming back to use the Hall, an update on the building works, a reminder about the October Village Market, a note that all the bands booked for the 2020 Beer Festival have agreed to perform at the 2021 Beer Festival and also that Biffin's Kitchen is finishing at the Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> September due to cleaning and smell problems.

#### **9. Finance**

Ivan Gosden reported that there was currently £46k in the bank. The contractor who carried out the gas alteration works will be reimbursing the Village Hall £1,000 for work not required to be undertaken.

#### **10. Other Business**

- (a) The Bat Survey result was negative
- (b) Bruce Batting has arranged for the CIO proposal to be considered by the Parish Council on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September
- (c) Ivan Gosden has left messages for Audrey Gordon but she has not responded to date
- (d) Natalie Larner has ordered a wreath for the Parish Council and the Village Hall for Remembrance Sunday
- (e) The Caretaker has given the Committee a copy of the insurance certificate for her dog
- (f) Wendy Gosden has asked parents of children attending Happy Faces not to drive into the car park but to park in Goddards Lane

#### **11. Date of Next Meeting**

Next meeting to be held Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020

#### **List of Actions:**

**Working Party to meet at the hall at 10am on 9<sup>th</sup> September to clear items from the main hall**

**Ivan to discuss a way forward with the Caretaker**

**Natalie to discuss details for the Market with Wendy Gosden and the Caretaker**