

SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Held on Tuesday 24th November 2020 at 8.00 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. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th November had been circulated and were agreed as a correct record.

3. **Caretaker – The Way Forward**

It was noted that the furlough scheme has been extended to the end of March. It was suggested that the Caretaker should continue on furlough but that the Village Hall should not top up the 20%. It was noted that the new furlough scheme allows for flexibility regarding employees returning to work part-time etc. This was agreed unanimously.

4. **Grant Application to Parish Council**

A letter of application has been submitted to the Parish Council applying for a grant of £10,000. A form has been received in return which Nick Robinson has completed and returned in time for the next Parish Council meeting. Bruce Batting is working with the Parish Council on the possibility of further grants over the next few years.

5. **General Update**

(a) **Use of Village Hall by Cliff Surgery for Vaccinations**

The Village Hall has been put forward as a venue for Covid 19 vaccinations

(b) **Fence Between Garage and Village Hall**

The fence had been inspected following receipt of an email. Two panels need repairing and ivy needs removing. The fence belongs to the garage and is therefore not the Village Hall responsibility. Ivan Gosden said the matter of the door to the salon also needs to be discussed with the owners of the garage. Nick and Natalie will arrange to discuss with the owners.

Action: Nick and Natalie to meet with the owners of The Garage to discuss the fence boundary

(c) **Fundraising – Brick in Time, Community Lottery & Amazon Smile**

All these are in progress. Banner for Brick in Time will be put up by John Attwood. Emails shortly to Gift Aid is being set up with HMRC. Natalie is happy to keep the records for Gift Aid and submit information to HMRC.

(d) **Charging Points for Electric Cars**

Bruce Batting agreed to look into the possibility of installing a charging point at the Village Hall

Action: Bruce Batting to look into the possibility of installing a charging point at the Village Hall

(e) **Solar Panels**

Alan agreed to look into feasibility of installing more solar panels.

Action: Alan to look into feasibility of installing more solar panels

(f) **Extension**

First fixing now being carried out. Plywood should be onto walls by the end of the week. Doorway into the hall has been opened up. Plastering will be carried out next week.

Ivan has asked the builder to quote for white tiling in the bar area, colour can be agreed at a later date.

(f) **Action Hampshire**

Bruce Jones will sign up for this on behalf of the Village Hall.

Action: Bruce Jones to sign the Village Hall up to Action Hampshire

(g) Nativity Scene in Pedestrian Gateway

Garden Centre will be loaning a shed, Mike Cuckow will make animals & Diane Effiong is making cloaks for the Kings. Should be put together over the next couple of weeks. No cost to the Village Hall.

(h) Caretakers Cottage

It was agreed that a meeting should be held between Ian and the Caretaker to discuss the Caretaker's contract and tenancy in the New Year and to check the situation regarding the Caretaker's Cottage.

Action: Ian to arrange to meet the Caretaker in the New Year to discuss her contract and cottage tenancy

(i) Grass Cutting

Peter Elliott has offered to cut the grass at no charge so that it is in a good condition for next year. It was agreed that Peter's offer be accepted and hanging baskets and grass cutting will be discussed at a later date.

(j) Charity Number

It was confirmed that the old charity number should be used as the CIO is not in place yet.

(k) Puppet Show

Natalie has spoken to the entertainer and they are happy to be flexible to discuss further when we know what can go ahead.

(l) Cash Flow

First instalment of grant money has been received and first builder's account paid.

6. Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held Monday, 7th December, 2020 at 8 p.m.

List of Actions:

Nick and Natalie to arrange to meet the owners of The Garage to discuss the boundary fence

Bruce Batting to look into the possibility of installing a charging point at the Village Hall

Alan to look into feasibility of installing more solar panels

Bruce Jones to sign the Village Hall up to Action Hampshire

Ian to arrange to meet the Caretaker in the New Year to discuss her contract and cottage tenancy