

SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting held on 4th April 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Garden Room at the Village Hall

Present: Bruce Batting, Eleanor Burt, Ivan Gosden, Natalie Larnar & Ian Sellars

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Alan Ball, Bruce Jones, Nick Robinson & Gilly Woodland.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th March 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2022 had been circulated and were agreed as a correct record. Ian Sellars reported that data from the charge point showed that up to the end of March the charge point had provided 52kwh of electricity with 29kg of CO2 saved and giving the Village Hall a profit of £1.89.

3. Duckwood Marketing Report

Gilly was not present at the meeting but has since sent the following update:

“Marketing

- General website updates, social media posts, etc.
- Electric Vehicle Charging Point press release sent to:

Basingstoke Gazette
CommunityAd Magazine
BBC South Today
ITV Meridian
BBC Radio Berkshire.

Fundraising

- I have sent the invoice for the EV point to BDBC and the Four Lanes Trust, and completed the extra information required by them to draw-down the grants. Four Lanes Trust is waiting for the full accounts to be published.
- I have looked into the Plunkett Foundation, but their activities are unclear, so this needs further research.

Website Statistics

Last Month (February):

- 482 people viewed the website, an increase of 137.
- There were 1138 viewings, an increase of 330.
- Visitors stayed on the pages they viewed for an average of 2 minutes and 41 seconds an increase of 1 minute.
- 70% of visitors were new and 30% were returning (people who have viewed the website before).
- Most popular pages: Home page, Book Here, Facilities & Booking, Photo Gallery, Activities, Sunday Market.

This Month:

No data available as Wordpress needs to be updated. This is a risky process and I am communicating with Mark Scott to ensure we do not lose any data"

4. Grant Application to Parish Council

Natalie Larner reported that she had submitted the grant application to the Parish Council. The Parish Council changed its application criteria at the meeting but still circulated the Village Hall's application to Parish Councillors. The application is now on the agenda for consideration at the Parish Council meeting to be held on 12th April.

5. Happy Faces

Bruce Batting reported that the proposed 10% increase in the charge to Happy Faces had been communicated to the Treasurer including notice that the rental will be reviewed according to costs at least every year going forward. There has so far been no response from Happy Faces.

A gas meter has been fitted at the Liddell Hall to enable use to be recorded. The meter was fitted on 29th March and will be read weekly.

It was noted that Happy Faces needed the garden gate open for the Easter Egg hunt on Saturday 9th April.

6. Planning Application

The architect has submitted the planning application with no charge payable to the Borough Council as the Village Hall is a community building (saving of £1,500).

7. Puppet Show

Natalie Larner reported that 77 tickets were sold at £6 each for the puppet show. Donations for teas/coffees amounted to £42.40. The puppet show fee was £500 so the event broke even.

8. Platinum Jubilee Update

The next meeting will be held on 5th April 2022.

9. Redecoration of Outside of the Village Hall

Natalie Larner will ask Fry Brothers if they are able to quote for the redecoration, Ivan Gosden will contact Mongers of Sherborne St John about the redecoration as well as lead work repairs and electrical works.

**Action: Natalie to ask Fry Brothers if they are able to quote for the redecoration of the outside of the Village Hall
Ivan to contact Mongers regarding redecoration as well as lead work and electrical repairs**

10. New Members for Management Committee

It was agreed that Jan Holden be asked to attend the next meeting and Ian Sellars agreed to produce a reduced version of the notes of responsibilities for members of the management committee for the Loddon Valley Link.

Action: Ian to produce a reduced version of the notes of responsibilities for the Loddon Valley Link

11. Financial Report

Wendy Gosden is currently working on producing accounts for the last two years and hopes to have this completed by just after Easter.

Ian Sellars will organise an interview for the applicant for the post of book keeper (including Wendy).

Ivan Gosden reported that the current bank balances are £31, 913 and £663 in the Metro accounts, £100 in Natwest current account and £4799 in Natwest savings account.

Action: Ian Sellars to arrange an interview with the applicant for the post of book keeper

12. Loddon Valley Link

It was agreed that items for the Loddon Valley Link are a report on the Puppet Show, Platinum Jubilee update and information on the charge point. It was agreed that when a quiz is next planned signs will be put along the road (as Sandy Johnston used to do).

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meetings will be on 9th May 2022 at 7.30 in the Garden Room.

List of Actions:

Natalie to ask Fry Brothers if they are able to quote for the redecoration of the outside of the Village Hall

Ivan to contact Mongers regarding redecoration as well as lead work and electrical repairs

Ian to produce a reduced version of the notes of responsibilities for the Loddon Valley Link

Ian Sellars to arrange an interview with the applicant for the post of book keeper

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Meeting held on 7th February 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Garden Room at the Village Hall

CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Present: Alan Ball, Bruce Batting, Eleanor Burt, Ivan Gosden, Natalie Larner & Ian Sellars

In attendance: Wendy Gosden

1 Caretaker

It was noted that Hazel's treatment finishes the first week in May.

