

Minutes of Isle Abbotts Village Hall Committee Meeting

Wednesday 15 May 2024

Held in the Village Hall at 8.30pm (following the AGM)

Present:	Susan Vickery (Chair), David Sutcliffe (Treasurer – outgoing), Fiona Hillman (Secretary – newly elected) Susan Robson (Booking Secretary), Andy Hillman (Parish Council Representative) Claire Smith, Gaynor Watts
Apologies:	Jenny Byrom (newly elected Treasurer), Julia Bull, Di Cleal, Boo Grieve
Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting:	
SV read out the minutes of the last meeting (21 February 2024) which were agreed and signed by SV.	
Matters Arising:	
1. Windows - FH highlighted that one of the front top windowpanes has a crack. AH advised when cleaning them some putty has also disintegrated. It was agreed to research cost to replace the broken pane and replace putty as well as getting a quote to replace the three obscured glass panes roadside with normal glass. SV to research with Topline.	SV
2. Plumbing – AH mended the outside wastepipe.	
3. Recycling area – AH cleared and made good the bin area at the back of the hall and pressure washed the pathways.	
4. Lamp – the external wall mounted lamp to the rear of the hall needs replacing or fixing.	
5. Hedge – SV suggested the hedge at the rear of the village hall garden be trimmed to a lower height. AH advised as far as he was aware it had not been cut by Geoff due to poor access via the field because of the wet weather. SV to follow up.	SV
6. Cleaning Rota – it was agreed that regular cleans naturally take place following events in the hall and currently there is no need to have a monthly cleaning rota but instead one intensive ‘spring clean’ to be organised later in the year.	
7. Yoga – following SV message via the Whats App group, further information regarding Yoga sessions being held at the Village Hall will follow.	SV
8. Film Night – CS suggested a ‘Film Night’ may be something to consider adding as a future social event.	
Booking Secretary’s Report:	
Two recent Private Bookings by Villagers went ahead and the Polling Day on 2 May raised £200. SR thanked the Committee on behalf of the PCC for the use of the Village Hall and equipment free of charge for Harvest and Church BBQ. Future dates currently booked are: The Village Choir Summer Concert in aid of RNLI on Friday 28 June Church Barbeque and Trains on Sunday 28 July	

<p>Polling Day for next Election booking date TBC. SR highlighted the need to be mindful of a potential conflict with a regular booking.</p>	
<p>Social Committee Report:</p>	
<p>Mexican Evening on Saturday 17 February was successful. Duck Race at Easter had been abandoned due to poor weather. ‘Pop up pub’ night with Ploughman’s held for Somerset Day 11 May was successful. Summer Ball to be held on Saturday 15 June. First Aid Course by The British Heart Foundation has been rescheduled twice and will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 18 June. Pop Up Pub Night hoped to be a Friday evening in September/October.</p>	
<p>Treasurer’s Report:</p> <p>DS distributed the accounts for the last quarter (21 Feb – 15 May) along with an update of the hall’s electricity consumption. Total income was £1583.81, with total outgoings of £183.43. DS advised that the closing balance from the previous electricity supplier (SSE) had not yet been received but mentioned that it could be a sizeable amount of around £900. DS reported there had been 3 anonymous donations totalling £350 for the Solar Panel project and that he would also donate £100 to the project. There followed a discussion on the idea of a Solar Panel Fundraising Appeal which is noted under Any Other Business.</p>	
<p>Secretary’s Report:</p> <p>The outgoing Incumbent Secretary LS was not present. Nothing to report by newly elected Secretary FH.</p>	
<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>DS provided supporting information and data relating to the recommendation of installing Solar Panels at the Village Hall. This included his initial proposal dated 10 March, his subsequent communications to the Committee dated 22 April and 8 May and a detailed summary of comparison quotations. DS confirmed he had received 8 replies from the Committee voting in Favour of the Solar Panel Project. DS proposed going ahead with EON and will see the inception of the project through alongside the new Treasurer JB. It was proposed to conduct a Solar Panel Fundraising appeal. CS offered to set up a Just Giving Page and produce a flyer when furnished with information by DS. AH will distribute the link to the Village in his role as Webmaster. FH to provide information to be included in the Isle Valley News. Marquee Hire - CS advised she had received a request to hire the Village marquee from acquaintances who live outside the Village. Given they would collect and erect, dismantle and return without help from the village it was agreed to charge £700 subject to T&C’s. Date booked out to be determined and should allow sufficient time to allow for drying before returning to store. CS to advise of date when known. Going forward it was suggested the marquee be kept solely for events in the village. Marketing the Village Hall for External Bookings and SV suggested an idea of Coffee Shop for Toddlers Mum’s and Dads. AH to upload a populated monthly calendar of village news and events on to the Village Website. AH asked for clarity on what documents he should be posting on the Village Website, and it was agreed it should be Agenda and Minutes only with Financials not necessary.</p>	<p>DS CS AH FH</p> <p>CS</p> <p>AH</p>

<p>FH to contact Carolyn Pix and request an entry into the Village Newsletter advising villagers how they may be added to the various distribution groups (Isle Abbots Email Distribution Group and WhatsApp Groups).</p> <p>SV mentioned the CCS Community Buildings Membership for which the Committee had previously paid £110 pa. The membership has not been renewed in recent years and it was suggested that consideration be given to renewing the membership pending discussion of the benefits. Subscriptions are from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.</p>	<p>FH</p> <p>ALL</p>
<p>Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 14 August 2024 at 10.00am in the Village Hall.</p>	

Approved

Date
