

Minutes of the Kingstone with Gratwich Village Hall Committee Meeting 2nd March 22

Present

David Wymark, Della Laflin, Evelyn Adams, Val Laflin, Peter Laflin

Minutes

The minutes were signed.

Matters Arising

None

Chairman's Report

Alison has told us that she does not wish to continue as Caretaker so we will need to advertise again. The potholes have been filled in by Kevin.

Treasurer's Report

We are waiting outstanding payments from Parish Council and Jubilee Group. The end of year accounts have been completed but an auditor is required, suggestions are David, Pam's Colleague or Graham, Della will ask. ESBC have given us a further Covid Grant, covering the partial lockdown in December. Electricity bill has increased to £139 per month, we have had to have the heating on over the winter period.

Secretary's Report

We will need to re advertise the Caretaker and Booking Clerk job in the KLN.

Sound System

David has sourced and tested a portable PA system from Pete Oakley, the cost will be £320 approximately. He is arranging for the present system to be checked, we need to ensure the hall continues to have a hearing loop.

Website

We have had several bookings on the new website and we have had two surveys completed which were positive. One suggested looking at a better sound system which is already in progress. A booking diary, tailored to our needs, was purchased for £85 instead of paying a monthly fee of £22 which will save money over the long term.

Signage

We have received a quote from Dedicated Solution Ltd to replace the present sign as it is looking weathered, the quote is £282, including fitting. The new website details will be included.

Maintenance of buildings

Damp; Quote of £4120 received from Kevin Cartwright to strip plaster and rebuild wall inside cupboards and dig out waste under bridge. The work will be done over the summer holidays.

Village Group Promotion

Interest received from art, book club, bowls, table tennis, fellowship group. Will ask Parish Council. Suggestion that the Village Hall also provide information. Suggested puddings, cheese, wine and soft drinks for refreshments. Val will do a trifle, Evelyn will do a lemon tart, Della will arrange the rest and organise the wine and any help, possibly Pam and Jean.

Defibrillator

We have recently bought a replacement battery at a cost of £294 and have to replace the pads regularly, which cost £50. New defibrillators are being purchased for the Shrew,

Gratwich and the Blythe, organised by Alistair Cummings behalf of the Parish Council. These new machines require no training, we should consider whether to change ours to match and who should cover the cost in the future. David to speak to Alistair and approach the Parish Council.

AOB

A new watering system is required so we can have hanging baskets. Agreed Della to purchase, approx. £25. As Della will be away when the baskets need making up, she will ask if the Strawberry farm still provide this service and how much it would be.

Small step to be purchased to aid with opening and closing windows.

We have applied for a smart meter from Scottish Power, not heard as yet but we may need to have internet access to qualify.

David to be responsible for Jubilee flower arrangement and order flowers by 15th May if required.

First aid boxes will need to be replaced in the summer as contents will be out of date.

Cyril Adams has requested that bowls could have some metal shelving in the old school storage room so the heavy bowls can be moved. This has been agreed, shelving to be sourced and paid for by village hall committee.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 27th April 22 at 6 pm – AGM & Short meeting.