

Minutes of the Isle Abbotts Village Hall Committee Meeting

Wednesday 15 November 2023

Held in the Village Hall at 11am

Present – Susan Vickery (Chair), David Sutcliffe (Treasurer), Lesley Sutcliffe (Secretary), Susan Robson (Booking Secretary), Gaynor Watts, Fiona Hillman, Andy Hillman, Helen Toon, Di Cleal, Boo Grieve, Sarah Bannister

Apologies – Julia Bull, Claire Smith

Welcome to Andy Hillman who has joined the committee as the representative of the Parish Council.

Minutes of Meeting held on 18 August 2023 – LS read out the minutes of the last meeting and they were agreed and duly signed by SV.

Matters arising –

1. The shed has now a new waterproof roof. Many thanks to Andy Hillman and John Toon for doing this piece of work.
2. PAT testing – DS has arranged for electrician Kyle Oliver to do this
3. Storage container – SV reported that the 12 foot container was large enough to house the marquee along with the chairs.
4. The old freezer has been taken to the dump.
5. SV reported that the hot water tap, toilet seat have been repaired and the tall kitchen cupboard has been moved to the toilet area and now contains cleaning equipment. Many thanks to Mervyn Vickery and Brian Cleal for undertaking those tasks. The new large fridge freezer now sits in the smaller kitchen. The coffee machine is now housed in the cupboard that once held the recycling bins. This works well for coffee mornings.
6. Window cleaning – FH reported that she had only been able to get one quote which was very expensive. DS and AH have offered to this in the near future. It was thought that the hall Christmas decorations could be put up at the same time.
7. LS ran a Defibrillator training session in October which was well attended by villagers. First Aid course still to be arranged. GW has agreed to contact the St. John's Ambulance.

Booking Secretary Report – No recent hall bookings. SR has been contacted by Hayley Westworth requesting loan of the tables for her Christmas Bazaar on 10 December. No charge, but donation will be accepted.

The church has booked the hall for 4 February for a Big Breakfast.

Social Committee Report – The Barn dance was a great success. Unfortunately the Curry and Quiz night had to be abandoned due to lack of support.

A Christmas pub night is planned for Friday 8 December. It was decided to make this a festive occasion, with a quiz. All proceeds to go to the 'Crisis at Christmas' charity.

Peter and Gaynor Watts were able to acquire some new tumbler style glasses, free from a local pub.

Future events for 2024:

Mexican Evening 17 February

Duck race at Easter

Summer Ball 15 June

? Skirmish on the banks of the River Isle in July

Treasurer's Report – DS circulated copies of the last quarterly report. Total income was £1,440.03; Total outgoings were £570.71. Balance in General Account £4, 829.68.

A new electricity contract needs to be set up for the hall. DS will circulate figures to the committee for discussion.

Secretary's report – LS confirmed that details requested by the Valuation Office Agency had been done by DS.

Any other Business – SV said that the leaves on the path need to be swept up for safety reasons. AH agreed to do this.

DS offered to clean and repaint the inside of the porch when the weather improves.

AH reporting from the Parish council meeting requested that a copy of the VH minutes be put on the village website. LS agreed to send to David Bradshaw.

The Parish Council has agreed to cover the costs of Defibrillator accessories, such as new pads.

SV said that Emily Colenso had offered to paint a mural on the outside wall of the shed. She will chase up, but probably need for better weather now.

The Heating has just been switched on in the hall.

Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 21 February 2024 at 10.30am in the village hall.

