

MINUTES OF ISLE ABBOTTS VILLAGE HALL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2023

Present – Susan Vickery (Chair), David Sutcliffe (Treasurer), Lesley Sutcliffe (Secretary), Susan Robson (Booking Sec), Fiona Hillman, Julia Bull, Boo Grieve, Claire Smith, Di Cleal, Sara Bannister, Gaynor Watts, Emily Colenso

Apologies – None

Minutes of Meeting 18 Jan 2023 – Lesley Sutcliffe read out the minutes from the last meeting

Matters Arising –

1. Mervyn Vickery has made a piece of wood to block off the kitchen hatch when necessary.
2. Both the urn and water heater are now working.
3. The Tarpaulin over the shed roof has kept the inside dry. This will be re-felted in the summer. Fi Hillman mentioned that pond lining works well as an alternative.
4. PAT testing – no action had been taken, DS will look into this.

Bookings report – Susan Robson reported that the hall has been used for regular classes and special events. Well-being, Chi Gung and Choir along with Coffee and Chat remain popular and are open to all. Private parties have increased in number and there has been good feedback regarding the quality of the new kitchen. Future events include 2 private parties this month, hire of equipment by the PCC for 17 June, BBQ and trains 30th July and Harvest Lunch on 1st October..

The PCC wished to thank the Village Hall Management Committee for waiving fees for the hire of the hall and equipment during the past year. It has been very much appreciated

SV mentioned that the fridge had been switched off and the door shut and hence had caused the fridge to smell. Notice to be attached to door re leaving ajar (LS will do)

Susan R emphasized again that she no longer wanted to be responsible for the marquee bookings.

(It has been decided that the marquee should stay in the village after the last outside event).

Social Committee Report – Future events:

1. Another Pop-up Pub on June 9th
2. Village Show planned for July 9th from 2 -4pm at the hall. To include flowers, vegetables and other produce and a dog show. Event for all ages.
3. Picnic / Sports during the Bank Holiday weekend
4. A Quiz & Curry evening in the Autumn.

Treasurer's report – DS circulated copies of the last quarterly report.

Secretary – LS had nothing new to report.

Storage and erection of the Marquee –

DS has put together a comprehensive instruction sheet on how to safely erect the village hall marquee and has circulated that to the committee. This was felt necessary as we can no longer count on Geoff Colenso's help in the future. The committee is grateful to Geoff for the number of times he has organized this procedure over many years.

Unfortunately due to difficult circumstances the marquee was taken down wet after the Coronation festivities. David will undertake to organize the drying out the panels.

Storage of the marquee has also become an issue. However, Tony Habberfield has kindly agreed to store the marquee in a container at Northall's Farm. DS has agreed to look into purchasing a container and had already undertaken some research regarding price. It was unanimously agreed up to £3600 could be used to purchase such a container.

Any Other Business – As mentioned at the AGM the need for a Wifi connection in the hall was thought to be a necessity now.

Julia Bull and Fi Hillman both agreed to look into this and the costs involved.

It was suggested that the hall could hold a fund raising event to help cover the costs.

Date of next Meeting - Wednesday August 16th 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village hall

Susan Vickery thanked everyone for staying for the meeting and it was agreed that the joint meeting had gone very well and with renewed energy

The Meeting closed at 9.45pm