

Minutes of Isle Abbotts Village Hall Committee Meeting

Friday 18 August 2023

Held in the Village Hall at 9.30am

Present - Susan Vickery (Chair), David Sutcliffe (Treasurer), Lesley Sutcliffe (Secretary), Susan Robson (Booking Secretary), Claire Smith, Fiona Hillman, Julia Bull, Gaynor Watts, Helen Toon, Di Cleal.

Apologies - Boo Grieve, Sarah Bannister

Minutes of Meeting held on 17 May 2023 - LS read out the minutes of the last meeting. These were signed by SV.

Matters arising -

1. Shed roof. FH said that her husband Andy will replace the present tarpaulin on the roof with pond lining very soon.
2. PAT testing - DS said that we are due for a 5 yearly check as requested by the insurance company and has this in hand.
3. A 12 foot container was purchased from Eagle Plant at a cost of £2000 and is situated at Northall's Farm by kind permission of Tony Habberfield.
4. LS has put a notice on the fridge door as suggested.
5. Picnic / games proposed for the Bank Holiday Weekend has been put on hold this year.

Bookings Report - SR reported that after a flurry of bookings earlier this year for the hall, just recently they have mostly been for hire of table and chairs. She also mentioned that Chi Gung classes will be held in the Jubilee Room from September as numbers attending are small. If attendance goes up then they will return to the hall.

SV also mentioned that the Well Being Class is also discontinuing for the time being.

Social Committee Report - All agreed that the Village Show had been a success.

Future events planned:

1. Another Pop-up pub to be held on 25 August. DS to obtain a licence.
2. Barn Dance on October 14 at Manor Farm. DS to obtain a licence.
3. Curry and Quiz Night on 3 November.

Treasurer's Report - DS circulated copies of the last quarterly report. SV queried whether payment had yet been received for hire of the hall for use as an Election Polling Station back in July. DS will follow up.

FH queried the cost of hiring the hall and whether this was too cheap. However, the charges were reviewed in January 2022 and it was felt that we were in line with neighbouring villages.

Secretary” Report – LS stated that she had written to Roger Boyman, on behalf of the committee, thanking him for all the years he had cut the village hall grass and kept the area tidy. She also had presented him with a nice bottle of wine.

LS had also just received a letter from the Valuation Office Agency requesting details re rent, lease and ownership of the hall. LS and DS will attend to this.

Storage of Marquee – As stated in Matters arising a container for the marquee has been purchased. SV was concerned that it would not be big enough to also house many of the chairs. She stated that there would be enough space now to have a larger container. It was thought best to wait and see how many of the chairs will fit before making any decisions. It would also save money if we could manage with the 12foot container rather than go for 20foot.

DS also requested that a set of keys for the container should be kept in the village hall.

Fridge / Freezer Donation – After a long discussion, especially as it was pointed out that the present old freezer was no longer fit for purpose, it was agreed to accept the offer. It would be very useful for big events. The present fridge will also remain but the tall cupboard will have to be relocated. Hopefully it can be in situ before the PAT testing so it would be included in that.

SV also suggested that we remove the ‘pull out bins’ and use these for recycling. This will then free up that cupboard for the coffee machine. It was agreed that that was a good idea.

Any Other Business -FH requested that we apply for a green recycling bin for all the grass cuttings, which will save Andy taking them to the tip. They cost £63 annually. This was agreed and FH will apply.

SV stated that the hot water tap in one of the toilets is broken and the toilet seat in the left hand toilet is fitted incorrectly. She will look into having these repaired.

The cleaning rota seems to have gone awry! Several members are not on the list. LS will draw up a new list. We agreed that we should have a team effort to get the hall ship shape again in October. Window cleaning was also mentioned.

SR requested that the PCC has asked whether they could have the redundant wall heaters for use in the Jubilee Room. This was agreed.

FH stated that she had an old list of names on a Basic Life Support Leaflet which she had inherited. LS said she was aware that some householders will still have the old list. She has updated the list on the notice board and in the bag with the defibrillator. LS plans to have an open training session in September for villagers and will contact Dave Bradshaw to send out a ‘shout out’ through the website.

GW suggested that it would be a good idea to have a general First Aid Workshop for all villagers to attend if they wish. LS and JB will look into this.

Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 15 November in the Village hall. Time TBA