



TTERTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Minutes of an Ordinary General Meeting of the committee held in the Committee Room on Monday 20th November 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present: Andrew Sharp (Chairman & Secretary) Joan Cullen (Hon. Treasurer), Emma Cooling, David Pankhurst, Geoff Porter, Catherine Randall, Belinda Shoemaker, Iain Ure and Sharon Young. Fred Ziegler from the Kings Arms was also in attendance.

Belinda Shoemaker was welcomed to the meeting as the new representative of the Parish Council. Iain Ure was also welcomed as a new member of the committee.

- 1) **Apologies for absence.** Apologies had been received from Claire Lister and Clare Mills.
- 2) **Minutes of the last OGM.** The minutes of the last OGM meeting held on 19th June 2023, having been circulated, were considered correct and were signed as a true record of that meeting.
- 3) **Matters Arising.** Richard Witherby had completed and installed the new gate to the side of the hall. He had done this without charge, but had requested that the hall return the favour when it came to be used for the Reindeer Run in December.
- 4) **Correspondence.** Despite Joan appealing to their better nature, Lloyds Bank were still mysteriously refusing to open an account for the Village Hall.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report.** As at the date of the meeting, the current account stood at £4,623.74 with the reserve account at £18,967.81 including £183 interest.
Bookings (£3,700 so far)
The bookings are steady, we now have bookings from the Primary school and a few parties. The Garden Club has its annual Show, but no regular meetings. We have the regular Wednesday Pilates and Karate and the Monday evening Keep fit.
- 6) **Health and Safety Policy.** Emma confirmed that she and Sharon's works was nearly done. An H&S Policy should appear on the noticeboard shortly.

- 7) **Solar Panels.** David Pankhurst had done sterling work in obtaining prices. The best option seemed to be from Naked Solar in Newquay. They had presented three different proposals ranging from 27 panels to 45 with costs between £27k and £45k. It was agreed that, before we went any further, we should consult EDDC to see if we would receive permission to mount panels on the south and east elevations, thus being invisible from the roads. Assuming we did get the green light, we should contact Martin Rich at DCT for advice on where to go for funding. **ACTION AS/DP.**
- 8) **Additional Grit Bin (Parish Council).** The Clerk to the PC had written asking for permission to instal an additional Grit Bin beside the existing one. The idea being that one would be for empty sandbags, the other for sand. The committee gave approval for this installation. **ACTION BS**
- 9) **Community Shop (CS) Business.** Geoff wished to thank Richard Witherby for the new gate and Lucy Roberts for the weeding around the back of the hall. Geoff apologised for the confusion over the noticeboard. Since the CS had been charging for the display of notices by non-village organisations, on behalf of the CS, they offered to pay for the replacement acrylic perspex to be installed. David said that he had already purchased the material and just needed to get it collected. It was also agreed to obtain more magnets for the board. To discourage any would be shoplifters, the CS wanted to install more prominent signs to say that there was CCTV in operation. This was approved. Also they would like a stronger light in the lobby. Since this would be LED, this would be cheaper to run. It was pointed out that on several occasions, the light had been left on after hours, and had also been on unnecessarily when there had been sufficient daylight. Finally the CS would like to place a box containing kindling outside and beside the ramp. This would be in place of the plant sales for the duration of the winter. It was agreed to trial this, to ensure it wouldn't cause an obstruction or a trip hazard. **ACTION GP**

10) **Successors for AGM and/or Treasurer.** The Chairman said that after nearly 35 years serving on the committee with 10 of those as Chairman, he would like to step down at the forthcoming AGM. However, Joan had intimated that, after many years in the post, she also was thinking of relinquishing her role as Treasurer and Booking Clerk. The Chairman said that if Joan did step down, with him going as well, this would leave the committee in a predicament. He therefore agreed to stay on as Chairman, but would like someone to relieve him of his dual role as secretary. Catherine, generously offered to take on this task as from the AGM, but would need to step down should they sell their house and move out of the village. Sharon kindly agreed to take over from Joan as treasurer at the AGM, but was reluctant to also act as booking secretary. These positions would all have to be confirmed at the forthcoming AGM in January.

11) Any Other Business. The proposal to install Wi-Fi in the hall had been debated and rejected at our previous meeting. However, several committee members thought that these days, a lot of hirers automatically expected Wi-Fi to be available. It was suggested that the way forward may be if the shop and ourselves had full fibre installed as a joint project. This would share the cost and benefit both organisations. Geoff agreed to raise this idea with the shop committee at their next meeting and report back. **ACTION GP**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.