

## Minutes from Extra Village Hall Committee meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

1. In Attendance: Barbara Phillips, Nicola Broe, Nic Bollen, Charlotte Dyer. Guest speaker Mike Phillips. Apologies: Claire Williams, Drew Spearey.

2. Reported the poor state of finances: Total from 01/04/23 to 29/02/24 = Income £716:55. Expenditure £1,665.63. Total deficit 949.08.

This means we will run out of money in 2 years' time.

3. Chair of the parish council Mike Phillips was invited to speak about what he has done on our behalf to save the Village Hall which is in need of urgent repair or rebuild and to make more money.

Mike Gaiger from Gaiger brothers had done a survey on the hall and will present a report soon.

Mike Phillips has set up a Go Fund Me campaign with a target of £25000 towards a deposit for grant funding to improve or rebuild the Village Hall.

Barbara has set up a PayPal account for the monies to be transferred to, also completing a HMRC application for Gift aid.

An anonymous donor has given a cheque through CAF (charities Aid Foundation) which we need to register to enable the release of the monies. This charity also helps other charities to raise money and is a nonprofit charity. Barbara has completed this.

Nicola Broe will look at either opening a savings account or look at saving the raised monies in the Epworth account.

Mike discussed the benefits of a card payment system which would enable us to make more money as people don't tend to carry cash as we become a contactless society. He has found one online which does not need Wi-Fi at a cost of £149. All agreed to go ahead and purchase the hardware. Nicky Broe will purchase one.

Meeting arranged Thursday 28/03/2024 with Richard Rogers from Wiltshire council to look at a grant towards the village hall. Maximum amount £5000. This will help towards the £25000 target. Hopefully we will have our local

MP attend as well. UPDATE: Mike and Barbara had the meeting with Richard, who has given us loads of advice on funding. We can apply for small grants and add them to the match funding for the larger grant. Advice is to have a village consultation once quotes are in. Mike will assist in all the applications and meetings needed to go forward. This will not all happen overnight, and we need a long-term plan. The parish council as custodians will play a large part in all processes.

4. Hall Cleaning: It was agreed we should get the hall cleaned after events. Barbara has spent several afternoons sorting and cleaning. Thank you to Nic for purchasing plastic storage boxes.

5. Claire and Nic have kindly organised the easter egg hunt.

6. Jazz Afternoon: Previous event a great success so this will be a regular event the next booked for 21<sup>st</sup> April. Mike to advertise, Nicky making soup, Ask James Bollen to provide Bread rolls and pay for last lot.

7. Update of fete planned for 18<sup>th</sup> May. Barbara will start to advertise and ask for help. Good supply of raffle prizes so far, all will try and contribute with gifts and prizes and Barbara will ask the community for donations and help on the day.

Charlotte will run the adult and child's tombolas. Nicky to sell the raffle tickets and oversee monies on the day. Barbara will oversee and provide relief and support on the day. We might ask the Bell to provide help with the BBQ if we are short of help.

Please update if any ideas or what help you and your families can provide: good to have a few teenagers running game stalls.

Barbara will advertise for craft tables at a cost of £10 and a gift towards the Raffle.

We are unable to sell raffle tickets prior to the day, so any large prizes we may Auction on another date.

8. the trustees to ask around the village to recruit more trustees as we should have 11 in total. This would take the pressure of the existing regarding fund raising.

9. Next meeting scheduled for Monday April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall so we may update on Fete preparations and look at plans, equipment etc.

