

WHITMORE & DISTRICT VILLAGE HALL

Registered Charity No.1023021

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 21st March 2024

Present: Chairman Mr P Keller, Mrs B Tudor, Mrs B Deaville, Mr D Newton,
Mrs A Pedley, Ms A Lorimer

Apologies: Mr T Waye, Mrs P Cawthorn, Mr G Corbett

24.020 – Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting (29th February 2024) were approved.

24.021 – Matters Arising:

- The Daleian Singers' Concert took place on 8th March and was successful. £460 was raised, of which the Village Hall will receive half. We are informed that this will be transferred to the bank account next week.
- Peter Keller will deliver a duty rota to Peter Dixon and Audrey Pedley will deliver one to Tim Waye.

24.022 – Bookings Secretary' Report

- The Bookings Secretary reported that AMS believe that they have reserved the Don Lawton Room and the bar area most evenings but are unwilling to pay more than £160 per month. They used to pay £300 per month, but this was reduced during the Covid pandemic. Peter Keller and Barbara Tudor will compose a letter which will be sent to them next week. An invoice for £30 to AMS will be raised for the hire of the main hall on Sunday, 11th February 2024.
- The Bookings Secretary is holding a booking for Dr Namaratha but has been unable to contact her. Mr Newton gave her contact details.
- Mr Newton will meet with a hirer at the hall on Sunday, 31st March, together with event decorators, Grey Leopard Events, with the possibility of adding the company to a list of useful contacts.

24.023 - Treasurer's Report

The treasurer submitted the latest report to the chairman. It shows an excess of Income over Expenditure but she warned the committee that the charges for Gas and Electricity will be much higher in March, as accurate meter readings have now been submitted. Regular invoices have been submitted to hirers and most have been paid promptly.

24.024 – Health and Safety

Doug Newton has put poison down to catch mice under the sink in the kitchen. He will speak to the Indoor Bowler Club about a report of further vermin in the storeroom. The treasurer will reimburse him for the poison.

24.025 – Repairs and Maintenance

Mr Corbett has repaired some fittings in the front foyer accessible toilet.

24.026 – Capital and Major Improvements

The Chairman showed the committee a cutting from a newspaper advising that at the latest budget, the government has set aside £5m for major capital projects to be made available to continue to support rural village halls. A discussion took place as to whether we could take advantage of this fund. The Bookings Secretary will contact Jamie Wells from Support Staffordshire to get more details.

24.027 – Any Other Business -NTR

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 25th April 2024 at the village hall a 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm