

Minutes of a meeting of the Briantspuddle Village Hall Committee held on 3 June 2020 at 7.00 pm in the Main Hall, Briantspuddle Village Hall.

Present: Members of the Committee: Stuart Chorley (Chair), Allan Smith (Treasurer), Anne Colquhoun, Fiona Hogger, Cindy Read, Roger Smith, Tamsyn Tankard-Evans, Angela Tozer. Also present Lesley Wilcox (Minutes Secretary).

1. Apologies for absence: None received.

2. Notice of Conflicts of Interest: None required

3. GDPR: All members present were happy for their names to be published on the Community website.

4. Decoration of the Hall.

Stuart had called the meeting to discuss a proposal to decorate the main hall whilst there were no bookings due to lockdown. He had set out the advantages of doing this in his e-mail of 1 June ie:

- i. in his opinion the work would need to be carried out anyway in the next 12-24 months;
- ii. that meant that the funds would need to be found and, as such, could be done post-lockdown to bring reserves back up to current levels but also increasing them in line with current intentions to fund the re-thatching as and when necessary;
- iii. the completed the job in the kitchen, Jubilee room and lobbies highlighted the need to bring the main hall up to scratch;
- iv. if carried out now (July/August time) the work would not interfere with any hall hire so providing the maximum opportunity to raise funds as soon as possible;
- v. it would be really good if, whenever 'normal' returned, we had a smart village hall to attract new business and to enjoy as a community;
- vi. the decorator would be available at the end of July/beginning August. The work should take approximately one week for 2 people;
- vii. during this time the hall facilities could still assist the village shop with social distancing by means of the lobbies and the fire exit onto the grass so leaving the hall empty.

Stuart invited discussion.

Allan had already circulated the accounts summary as at the end of May. He explained that the hall currently had no income but with no reduction in expenses; he was forecasting a small loss at the end of the financial year. This assumed that hirings would not be back to normal until October at the earliest. He had made an application for grant support from Dorset Council whose decision was awaited. Some donations from local supporters were anticipated.

He also explained that, prior to lockdown, he had sought advice from Low Carbon Dorset about the hall lighting. This advice was unlikely to be available for some months and any resulting work was likely to change the current wiring configuration. Therefore, if the decorating went ahead now some secondary work would be required at extra cost. Allan's view was that any non-essential work, including the decorating, should wait.

Many of these points were discussed.

The proposal to carry out the work now was carried by 6 votes to 2.

Stuart thanked Allan and Andrea for preparing the rooms to enable the decorator to carry out the work to the kitchen, Jubilee room and lobbies.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm.

Lesley Wilcox

Minutes Secretary