

Burgh by Sands

Parish Hall Management Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7pm 24th March 2022

Present: Alan George (Chairman), Angela George, Pam Bishop, Brian Bishop, Pam Bainbridge, Terry Cooke, Steff Hazelhurst.

1. Apologies for absence:

Tudor Boddam-Whetham, Bev Castle, Margaret Hodgson

2. Minutes of last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meetings held on 10th November (previously circulated) were agreed.

3. Financial Update:

An update on the financial position to date was given by Angela in Margaret's absence. The bank balance was currently £15,377.90 and a further cash amount of £1,100 had been paid in recently being the takings from the Hadrian's Wall event, café takings and hire fees. A further Covid Grant (Omicron) has been applied for to cover loss of income during the restrictions imposed in December 2021 and we should be notified if we are successful shortly (Postscript - subsequently awarded £2,667 on 29th March – this takes the COVID-19 grants received from the Government over the 2 years including the recent award to £31,470.21 and this is the reason for the relatively healthy financial position despite the Hall having been closed for substantial periods over the past 2 years).

Pam reported that Hall hirings have now resumed and many users have returned. The Film Night resumed in February.

The net profit from the Hadrians Wall event was £967 with £300 going to the WI.

The contribution to the Village Green of £1000 has been made and thanks had been received from the Village Green Committee. The funding has put the Green in a positive position to be able to purchase new equipment and carry out the small necessary repairs to existing machinery. Works have started on the green this last week and it is hoped it will be completed early in the new year with the whole green being fully utilised in mid-2022. The Green also confirmed that they would be more than happy to join in the events planned for the current year and were happy to help in any way possible.

The impact of the increased cost of Gas and Electricity would be continued to be monitored carefully. Terry advised this could be done via the Hive. **Action - Margaret**

A grant has been applied for from the Parish Council and City Council to assist in the replacement of the back door and repair of the disabled ramp. No word has been received on that yet. **Action - Angela**

4. COVID-19 Risk Assessment Update

Further advice has been received from ACRE on how to stay safe and help prevent the spread of Covid. The current risk assessment has been reviewed and it is still considered valid and does not require updating at this time.

The posters in the Hall would be replaced with the suggested 'stay safe' type posters. QR codes can now be taken down. **Action – Terry**

5. Events

Hadrian's Wall 1900 Event Saturday 5th March. This was a very successful event in both the Hall and the Green and thanks have been relayed to all those involved in making it a success. The net profit to the Hall for the café and the Play was £967, with £300 going to the WI.

Future Events discussed were:

- **Ukraine Fundraising** – agreed to take place at the Saturday morning Café on 26th March (Postscript – net takings and donation to DEC was £600)
- **Queens Platinum Jubilee** – will take place on Saturday 4th June. A separate group from all the Community organisations in the village has been pulled together with the first meeting taking place on 9th March which Alan, Angela and Steff attended and the notes from that meeting were circulated. It was agreed that the café would run for an extended period – possibly 10am to 4 ish and the committee discussed what else the Hall could contribute to the event in conjunction with other users of the Hall such as the WI and Crafty Ladies. The Date of next meeting is 30th March 2022 at 6.30pm and all of the Committee are welcome. **Action – All**
- **Quilt Display** – Steff advised that there will be a display of Quilts in the Church over the August Bank Holiday weekend and requested we consider how the Hall could be involved more in that. **Action – to discuss in further detail at the next meeting**

6. General Hire Update

Pam reported that other user groups are returning to the Hall. In addition we now have Yoga on a Friday evening.

Steff Hazelhurst has agreed to take on the running of the Film Night and this resumed in February with Woman in Gold followed by Dune on 23rd March and Steff advised that there were 16 people at that event. Costs were currently not being covered but as this is considered a community event this was not considered the main issue for now. The next film is Nomadland on 27th April. **Action - Steff**

The Toddler Group was discussed and it was confirmed that we would currently retain the same agreement – i.e. no charge, however this would be reviewed in September. The Toddler Group have been made aware of this and currently have an advert in the Parish Magazine to widen the attendance.

7. Building and Maintenance Issues

Terry reported that all building and maintenance issues were up to date. The back door has now been replaced and the ramp repairs were scheduled to take place shortly.

8. Any Other Business:

None

9. Date of next meeting: 19th May 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm