

Minutes of the Shalfleet Village Hall Committee Meeting 11.Jan.2019 at 3.15pm

Present:

Brian Mead (Chair), Michael Beavis, Michele Smith, Chloe Sutherland.

Apologies: Hilary Waitt, Ian Broad

Minutes of the Meeting of 16.Nov.2018 had been circulated and were approved.

Matters Arising:

Greg Chapman's Christmas Show on 7th December proved to be a success and he has booked the hall for another one of his shows on 30th March.

Michael collected in December the Shalfleet mugs from Sally at Shalfleet Parish Council.

It was decided to change our meetings to be on Monday mornings at 10.00am, as Friday afternoons are becoming more difficult for Michele to attend. Michele currently is available every alternate Monday mornings.

Booking Secretary's report:

A new music group, called Rock Club Revolution who are based in the Freshwater-Totland area, have started to hire the Hall on Thursday evenings from 7.30 to 10.00. At the moment they are not able to commit to a regular booking but will hire as often as it suits their work availability rotas.

Michele is starting to receive requests for hire forms to be sent by email rather than post. Michael has an electronic version of the form and together they will be able to send out hire forms by email.

The new hire charges are on the website and Michele has not had any negative feedback regarding the new hire charges.

Treasurer's report:

Michael distributed a spreadsheet for the period since the last meeting in November showing income of £855.50 and expenditure of £209.23. There was a correction made to show the fete proceeds split was with the PCC not the Fabric Trust this year. Bank balance is now at £7428.05.

Michael also presented the 2018 yearly accounts and these were discussed at length. The split of fete proceeds with the Shalfleet Church (PCC in 2018 & Fabric Trust in 2017) is now shown separately and clearer. The extension to the Annexe path and Annexe repairs have also been separated away from the other grounds costs. The amended accounts were approved for distribution to Shalfleet Church PCC. The new equipment costs were the new Gopak storage trolleys, the new fridge & freezer, the new gazebos and the new dinner plates. The increase in fete costs is due to the cost of the replacement tables and the storage box for the gazebos.

Maintenance:

The Annexe door and frame have moved again. Preventing the door bolt from engaging, so it has not been possible to lock the Annexe for the last few weeks. Michele warned us to be careful as there has been a recent spate of thefts, locally & islandwide, from outbuildings, sheds and garages where stolen items have been hidden in hedges waiting for later collection by van. We will need to be vigilant until next week. Peter Carter has been approached to rectify this locking problem and has an idea to change the mechanism so that it is less susceptible to door and frame movement. He will complete this task on Wednesday 16th at the same time as Berry Electrical will be installing electric light in the Annexe.

The Calor storage tank will need refilling in next few weeks as it is now 32% full, Michael will order a refill once the level falls between 30% and 20%.

The fire alarm will have its 6 monthly service on Monday 14th Jan.

Environment:

Chloe led a discussion of the "conservation area" status that applies to the pruning of trees. It has limited impact on the Hall's field as there is only the large willow tree and a couple of large trees in the scrub area between the meadow and Church Lane. The regulations do not apply to shrubs, small branches and apple trees but permissions need to be sought for larger trees.

Chloe proposed a new wildflower area to be established between the Hall and the Annexe. This would require paying for outside assistance to prepare the ground ready for the introduction of wildflower seeds. Unanimous approval was given for this new project. Chloe will find a groundwork gardener to get it started. It was suggested the school might like to be involved in some way.

It was noted that the hedge between the meadow and Mallard House had been cut just after Christmas. There was evidence that a tractor had entered the field and had travelled on the entire length of our path (luckily with no damage caused) to gain access to the hedge. Permission from the Hall had not been sought. It was decided that Chloe would instruct Jamie to cut this hedge annually in the autumn.

Any Other Business:

Chloe reported she had difficulty recruiting volunteers to help as locals can no longer borrow hall equipment free of charge. The new hire charges do allow a discount for local's private hires and for local groups, this was felt to be appropriate. Discussion on the previously proposed carpark widening scheme was deferred to next meeting. Michael will print and distribute the sketch and will approach some groundwork contractors for an idea of the costs. Discussion of the plan and costs will be for the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Date agreed was Monday 11th February at 10.00 am.

The meeting closed at 4.25 pm.