



Barsham Village Hall Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday 15th July 2019 at 7.15pm, Barsham & Houghton Village Hall

Those present: Andrew Ross, Grace Howlett, James Goodley, Frank Chapman, Robert Fletcher, Sarah Sampson, Jodie Bond

1. Andrew Ross (Acting Chairman) welcomed all those present.
2. Stuart Laws gave his apologies, apologies accepted.
3. Grace Howlett (acting Treasurer) circulated the treasurers report (see appendix 1).

It was advised the hall boiler still requires servicing.

As a comparison, the figures for last year are similar to the previous year's figures. With approx. £1600 outgoings each year on average. The electricity bill costs may be due to the fact that the heating thermostat is sometimes left on because the position of the switch may be quite hard to reach for some. There is a notice asking for it to be switched off once hall users have finished with the hall, but unfortunately not everyone switches it off. Grace will laminate another notice.

4. The Village Hall meeting minutes from meeting of 20th May were agreed and signed by Andrew as acting Chairman. The Village Hall AGM minutes from May 2018 will be signed at next meeting.
5. Sarah advised that a social media page had been created and the link was being shared on social media sites. Jodie advised that a free advert had been placed on yell.com, BT Phonebook, freeads.com and venues4hire.org. The only current booking is for 10th Aug.

It was suggested that when the next edition of News & Views goes out in Sept/Oct we could include an article for free, to help attract hall users and volunteers to join the committee. Jodie to draft an article for review, to include promotion of the hall for hire and ask whether local residents actually wish to keep the hall and to feedback with suggestions.

We could consider going door to door with flyers, however, because of 2nd home owners and it was felt that there isn't a real community anymore as there once was.

The Hall was widely used for dance groups, bingo etc. and there was approx. £10k in the account just before the committee dissolved. This has now reduced due to the lack of usage and hire fees.

Jodie to obtain copies of Andy Langleys' hall photos via Grace for the social media page and article.

Jodie will look into the Hall Committees obligations and responsibilities.

As previously mentioned, a long term let may be an option – i.e. exercise club or gym with equipment that could be left there etc – However if this was the case then it would not serve the whole community as it states in the original deeds.

6. Please see item 3. A cheque for the outstanding hall hire charges for £200 from the Parish Council has been agreed.
7. Sarah had received a thank you letter from NNDC following the polling days and a letter of complaint had been received from the Parochial Church Council. It was felt that the letter was unjustified and Jodie will draft a response to include updated hall booking conditions and the revised rate of hire charges.
8. A local resident was going to get a sign made up for the overflow car park – keep on agenda for next time.

Meeting was closed at 7.45pm

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| Banking Movement since last quarter | | | | | Opening balance | 5640.33 | | |
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| April | | | | | NNDC Rates | 246.96 | | |
| | | | | | Anglian Water | 24.09 | | |
| May | NNDC Hire of Hall | 50.00 | | | Calor Gas | 15.45 | | |
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| June | Hire of Hall | 34.00 | | | Petrol for Mower (| 7.96 | | |
| | NNDC Hire of Hall | 50.00 | | | Puncture repair (| 10.00 | | |
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| | Income this quarter | | | 134.00 | Expenditure this quarter | | 454.05 | |
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| 30/6/2019 | Closing Balance | | | 5320.28 | | | | |
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