

GREAT EASTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at Village Hall on Weds 23rd March 2022

Meeting commenced at 11.15am

1. Welcome & Apologies

In attendance: Tim Smith, Alice Murdock, Vikki Halliday, Sally Armstrong, Margaret Stamp & Louisa Feltham

Apologies: Kay Mitchell & Lorna Bryant

2. Minutes from previous meeting were agreed

3. Matters Arising

- Roadside Advertising Boards **(AM) c/f Update** these are now being made by WOTWS
- Info/Display board for outside shop - in absence of a suitable alternative, need to purchase new A frame **(AM) c/f** Brief Update - there are two old A frames in the store room with only one usable side between them! Need to dispose of useless one!
- Garden - any changes on hold due to other pending projects **c/f**
- Exterior Frosting - still awaiting builder **(TS)c/f**
- Stage-blocks - awaiting further info from GELT - also need to assess the state of blocks stored in garden probably with a view to disposing of them **(LF) c/f**
- Archive Room - most of the room is now clear of unwanted items - still need to clear out under sink cupboard and possibly the office chair **(SA)**
- The electrics and network cabling have all been neatened up but now the Wi-Fi needs upgrading **(TS) Update** Wi-Fi upgrading now completed
- Key-safe for cupboard keys need purchasing **(AM)**
- Room keys to be given to Kate Hill (History Society) and Phil Long (Parish Council) **(AM)**
- Toilet Refurbishment - discussed the possibility of immediately replacing the two ladies toilets with a view to re-using the sanitary ware when we are able to tackle the larger refurbishment. Discuss with plumber and get quote **(TS)**

4. Finance

Our charity bank account is suffering increased charges in all areas, one of which being a charge for banking cheques - it was agreed that we should no longer accept cheques in payment for hall rental - need to upgrade Booking Terms **(TS)**

Ideally we would like to switch to a less punitive bank but as most banks are introducing charges and some are not even accepting new accounts this is not easy to implement - ongoing research **(VH)**

5 AOB

Following the extreme weather last week, the roof drain has leaked causing an ingress of water in the corner of the bar area - roof drain needs to be cleared **(AM/SA)** and appropriate repairs to ceiling need to be made **(AM/SA)**

Our four year contract with SSE Energy Services has just expired - Tim has applied for another four years but this has not yet been confirmed. Unfortunately, due to the current climate, fuel prices have risen and “deals” are hard to come by **(TS)**

Update New energy contract has now been confirmed

Following our electrical inspection, there are a few issues with some sockets. We are waiting on the electrician to attend to these as well as giving a quote for the replacement of the fluorescent strip lighting with LED lights **(TS)**

A brief discussion was held regarding upgrading the thermostat **(TS)**

The meeting ended at 11.55am

Next Meeting Weds 25th May.