

Minutes of  
Great Easton Village Hall Committee Meeting  
Weds 22nd March 2023

## 1 Welcome and Apologies

**Present:** Tim Smith (Chair), Alice Murdock (minutes), Vikki Halliday, Sally Armstrong, Lorna Bryant, Margaret Stamp, Louisa Feltham, James Ireland, David Gibley (for part of meeting)

**Apologies:** Kay Mitchell

Meeting commenced at 10.33am

## 2. Matters Arising

**Neighbouring Tree (TS) c/f**

**Garden Bench** It was noted that Kay had supplied a website link for recycled garden furniture but we were not sure about these and felt further research was needed **(KM) c/f**

**Stage Blocks and Storage (item 4)**

**3. Finance** As reported in AGM, we have £16,948 in bank. The agreed price rise is to take effect from April 1st, 2023 and these are already displayed on the website.

**Feedback from hall users** - just one positive comment!

## 4. Stage-blocks and Storage Options

Kay has acquired a quote from Stack-a-stage, whilst Louisa and James have requested one from Main Stage. Will need to look closely at quotes but it was agreed that the ideal for any system would be the ability to store it under the stage. **(LF/KM)**

## 5. Fundraising

- i Christmas Fair/Christmas Tree Festival - Kay provided a written outline of the general idea of the Church and V Hall working together on this - not sure how it will work at present but Lorna is hoping to attend the joint meeting on 22nd April. **(KM)**
- ii Quiz Night - Alice to write quiz to be held on Friday 3rd November - title "Big Banger Quiz" with hot dogs as the food offering **(AM)**
- iii Coronation Tea Party - David Gibley, Clerk of the Parish Council joined us for this discussion. As time is fairly short and people were unsure of their availability on Sunday 7th May, it was decided to keep things very simple and open the Hall for people to bring their own food from 1pm onwards. A similar event at last years Platinum Coronation proved popular and worked very well. As before, the PC would provide some Prosecco and the Hall Committee would decorate the hall and maybe provide tea and coffee (for a donation) if had enough manpower on the day. **(AM to liaise with PC)**
- iv Andy Murdock Photo Exhibition - the weekend of the 9th/10th Sept has been pencilled in for this - possibly running on Sat/Sun afternoon with refreshments provided (tea & cakes) **(AM)**
- v Open Gardens - Kay provided a comprehensive written outline for organising this - which the Committee supports with Sun 2nd July being the preferred date **(KM)**
- vi. Treasure Trail - It was decided to keep this idea on the back burner pending the Open Gardens going ahead **(AM)**

## 6. AOB

**Gazebo (SA/AM) c/f**

**Water Butts (SA) c/f**

**VH History** - Kay provided an entertaining written account of the Hall history which was much appreciated by the Committee. Alice to check if some notes from Ena Meecham can add any further information to this before it goes onto the V Hall website **(KM/AM)**

**100 Club Spare Numbers** - following an appeal on Next Door, all numbers have now

been allocated - we even have a waiting list!

**Catering Saucepans** - in hand **(AM)**

**Guttering (AM)** c/f

**Resident Rodents** - dealt with!

**The Hive Heating Control** - now installed - need to contact regular users for any feedback to enable us to fine tune the system **(TS)**

Sally raised the issue of the opacity of the toilet windows - she feels they may not offer enough privacy at night time when the lights are on! Lorna and Margaret offered to investigate at The History Society Meeting! **(LB/MS)**

The meeting ended at 11.54am

**7 Date of next meeting - Weds 24th May 2023**