

# Great Easton Village Hall Committee

## Weds 27th November 2024 at 10am

### Minutes

#### **Present**

Tim Smith (Chair), Alice Murdock (Deputy Chair & Minutes), Mandy Law (Treasurer), Bob Wilson, Sue Peet, Chris Stirney & Louisa Feltham  
Apologies were received from Teresa Chapman, Margaret Stamp & Lorna Bryant

#### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

These were agreed.

#### **Matters Arising**

- **Constitution, Policies & Trustees** Tim, Mandy & Chris have formed a sub group to review and rewrite these documents in preparation for consideration by the whole Committee **(TS, ML, CS)**
- **Secretarial Role** Alice to continue until a replacement is found.
- **Fire Risk Assessment** Still no reply from Lucy Walsh, Bob to follow up **(BW)**
- **Drainpipe** Andy has now glued the drainpipe together
- **Back Disabled Toilet Works (c/f AM)**
- **Garden Furniture Fix (c/f AM)**
- **Dog Fouling Surveillance** Nothing conclusive, monitoring to be continued
- **Roofing Gutter** Tim & Sue have scraped the moss off the roof and cleared the gutter of all debris. A visual check should be conducted in January. **(TS, SP, AM)**
- **Christmas Decs** Decorations will be put up on Mon 2nd December at 2pm.

#### **Finance**

- **Financial Report.** Mandy reported that our operating deficit has fallen to approximately £250 per month whilst our current true total is £19,117. The amount of reserves currently being held was discussed but it was felt that we need to wait until the winter months of heavier service bills are over before we get a better picture of how much money to hold.
- **106 Funding/Grant Applications** Sue reported that the group were still collecting responses from users of the kitchen and were looking into accessibility, as well as Health & Safety issues. **(Working Group TC/ML/LB/SP)**
- **Valentine Goodman** Alice had had a conversation with Kathy Gibb (VG Trustee) to see if any charitable funds could be available for hall projects. We need to supply them with a “wishlist” to see if anything would meet their criteria. **(AM)**

#### **Hall Refurb & Repairs**

- **Decorating Update** Nothing further to report other than a desire to achieve this in the summer of 2025
- **Structural Survey - Priority List** Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances, Kieron has been unable to complete a detailed list however Tim suggested he give us an overview based on the structural survey. **(KL)**

## **Fund Raising**

- **FFS & GEPOS Gigs** The bars continue to be good fundraisers - as an experiment this month, our FFS bar will be moved to the end of the hall in front of the stage with the view to making the event more cosy and cohesive. This will not be without logistical problems which experience will address. We have themed it around the Movember movement which will, hopefully, prove popular and entertaining as well as raising awareness and funds for this charity. December's FFS date falls the day after Boxing Day so customers will be canvassed to see if they would be interested in coming that night, before we commit to holding one. Mark's last GEPOS gig had poor ticket sales so transferred to Henniker's Barn - we discussed how to encourage live music, including the possibility of staging our own different kind of music events.
- **100 Club** 2024/25 list is complete. Our Small Lotteries Licence allows us to raise funds up to £20,000 - Tim raised the possibility of expanding the current "offer" and will explore the different options for this. **(TS)**
- **Grand Raffle** This is postponed until further notice

## **AOB**

- The Parish Council and History Society have asked if it was possible to put an A3 Printer in the Archive Room. It was felt that there was no suitable space for this and it would be more economical for them to pay for occasional printing rather than commit to purchasing one.
- We have received a request for hiring the Hall at New Year for a party. In recent years we have chosen not to allow this, however it was generally agreed that this would be acceptable including an extension of the hiring time to 1 am instead of the usual midnight curfew.
- Mandy flagged up Acre's "Village Hall Week" with a view to us possibly taking part. As we were not aware of this, more information is needed. **(ML)**
- Sue reported that the creeper growing up the end of the hall wall had reached roof level and may begin to encroach under the roof tiles. The Tyler's (owners) have plans to trim it in Spring but Sue will monitor it over the winter months and trim before, if necessary. **(SP)**

**The meeting closed at 12.05pm**

**The next meeting is 22nd January 2025 at 10am**