

DOWN ST MARY VILLAGE HALL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
9TH OCTOBER, 2017

Present: Alan Clarke, Anthony Martin, Tessa Pluck, Audrey Cooke, Denise Appleyard, Nigel Fidock

Visitors: David Cooper

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th September, 2017 were shared, read and agreed. Alan wanted added to the previous minutes that the invoice given to Margaret Squires was evidence of the floor repairs due to tap fund.

Treasurers Report: Nigel supplied an up to date Treasurer's report. It was noted that the only significant expenditure was to EDF. Nigel has obtained a copy of the hall's constitution which will be used for bank transfers. All outstanding money from MDDC for hall hire for the elections has been received.

The financial report has been submitted to the Charity Commission and the accounts have been audited by Mick's ex boss and approved figures given to Alan.

Matters Arising: Hannah started the hall cleaning on 1st October, 2017 which took 2 hours due to loads of cobwebs but it was noted that the hall had not been cleaned for a while. Nigel will pay her on receipt of her email requesting payment.

Andrea has given Nigel a website to source a new metre and she will install it.

Tessa showed the committee a Planning proposal Listed Buildings proposal that has been received from MDDC. A copy of which was given to Anthony Martin for the Parish Council to consider. It appertains to the raising of a chimney to 1.8 metres, 2 chimney pots and stainless steel cowls for Marylea Cottage on the Green, Down St. Mary. After discussion, Alan said that there were no objections from the Village Hall.

Tessa asked Nigel if he had been approached by the Young Farmers re decorating a pillar in the Church for the Harvest Festival but he had no knowledge of it, so Tessa to ascertain details.

Nigel has discussed the Christmas tree for the Green at Christmas with the Church Council and it was decided that we would have a 20 foot tree so that it would not be dwarfed by other trees in the vicinity. The Church Council very kindly said they would contribute £40 to the cost of the tree. Tessa asked Alan to check with James Tucker if he had a post hold borer we could use to install the tree. Parish Council in favour of the tree. Audrey will order the tree and get a firm price and find out about delivery which was decided should be Monday, 11th December, 2017. Audrey will see if we can get a fork lift to lift the tree and Tessa would have a word with Will Jones and David Vennelle to see if they have one. David Cooper said that with enough manpower, it should be able to be manhandled into place. Denise mentioned that Elizabeth Winsor's daughter had trees and may well have one to suit. Denise to investigate. Nigel to get lights from Tesco's and we all are going to look out for a large star to put on the top.

Future Events: With regards to the Race Night to be held on the 26th November, 2017, at 7 pm, Dave Cooper has done all the posters, flyers and tickets so Denise and Tessa to start selling tickets. Alan to obtain licence for drinks. A draw will also be done on the night and committee members to supply prizes.

The event for Christmas was discussed and it was noted that there would be carols around the tree on the 16th December, 2017. A sample of a wooden toy for the reindeer racing was brought up by Denise as Pete Pearson has kindly made it for us. It was decided that Dave would see if he could get a poster off the internet of reindeer to stick on the sides of the wooden toy. 3/8" dowling was decided with a narrower cord. Dave Cooper has again done the posters and flyers for this event and they will be put up in November. A vote of thanks was given to Dave for his hard work and it was decided that the start time should be 5.30 pm. Boxes will be covered in paper, lanterns to hang from trailer, presents for Father Christmas, sweets in trailer. It was decided that some ply wood would be needed to make sleigh shape on trailer and Dave said he would paint it with some others.

Tessa to try Bearn's again to see about the antique evening. Audrey suggested a cocktail evening with 5 drinks for £10. The summer fayre will be discussed at a later meeting

Any Other Business: None.

NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 2017 AT 7.30 P.M.