

DOWN ST MARY VILLAGE HALL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
11TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

- Present:** Alan Clarke, Anthony Martin, Tessa Pluck, Audrey Cooke, Denise Appleyard
- Apologies:** Nigel Fidock
- Visitors:** David Cooper
- Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th August, 2017 were shared, read and agreed.
- Treasurers Report:** As Nigel on holiday, Treasurer's report will be available at next meeting.
- Matters Arising:** The Village Hall/Parish Council website was discussed and Alan to discuss it at the Parish Council meeting on 12th September, 2017. Alan has completed the Charity Commission report and has added recreation to the financial report. Denise Appleyard has been added so the correct number of trustees are shown. Alan to see Andie re Charity document.
- David Skelton has not been seen yet to see if he wants to set up a table tennis club.
- With regards to the hall cleaning, as Nigel is dealing with it, it will have to wait for an update at the next meeting. Alan to check box to see if spare keys are there.
- Alan has sent the floor repair invoice to Margaret Squires.
- Future Events:** Tessa emailed Bearnese and they acknowledged receipt of email but Chris Hampton has not got back to Tessa. Will try again for a future date.
- The event for Christmas was discussed and it was noted that there would be carols around the tree on the 16th December, 2017. Tessa spoke to Kath and she is prepared to do sausage and chips although other refreshments will be supplied. Audrey has approached Tuckers and a 20ft. tree would be approximately £85 with a 15ft. tree being £45. The general thought was that the 15ft. tree would be adequate. Tessa to approach David Vennelle and Johnnie Rookes to see if they have a post

hole borer. David Cooper volunteered to decorate the trailer with Roger Tonkins. A drinks licence would be required.

Tessa suggested having reindeer racing for adults and children. This entails having a reindeer on wheels and attaching a rope to pull it along the floor. The winner is the person that winds their reindeer in first. This caused much laughter but will go ahead as it will be something to keep everybody amused after the carols.

The suggested Casino evening was discussed and it was decided that the cost of hiring the equipment together with the fact that nobody really knew about casino gambling that it would be better to think of something else. Audrey suggested a bingo evening and she said she would check with Margaret Phillips to see where the kit was as she thought that the village hall had a set. It was estimated that it would cost £20 for the prizes etc, and a star prize meal was mentioned.

A lot of suggestions for fund raising were made, a whist drive was mentioned and Tessa had approached John Forster who plays a lot of whist and he said it is not a great money making venture, David suggested a fancy dress social, Alan suggested a 'who done it' where you have to guess who committed the murder, films in the Village Hall were also suggested plus a beetle drive. Audrey suggested hiring a talker as the WI do.

In the end, a race night was proposed and Tessa to check with Gordon of the Devonshire Dumpling as to if he could do it on Sunday, 26th November, 2017. Cheese and wine/beer were suggested as refreshments. David said he would do the posters and tickets and Denise and Tessa would sell them. Tickets priced at £6.

Any Other Business: None.

NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 2017 AT 7.30 P.M.