

DOWN ST MARY VILLAGE HALL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
12th MARCH, 2018

- Present:** Alan Clarke, Anthony Martin, Tessa Pluck, Audrey Cooke, Denise Appleyard, Nigel Fidock
- Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 12th February, 2018 were shared, read and agreed.
- Treasurers Report:** Nigel supplied an up to date Treasurer's report. Three accounts were paid namely Electric, Water and Hall Cleaning. There was no income this month due to the Skittle evening being re-scheduled to 23rd March, 2018 due to bad weather.
- Matters Arising:** Andie has donated the light bulbs for outside the Village Hall. Denise reported that the W.I. are having an event on the 21st April, 2018 called a Right Royal Do which is a high tea. Tessa has been approached by Elizabeth Winsor to request that the Village Hall give a discount to the £50 hire fee due to the fact that a proportion of their fund raising will be going to the ELF charity for leukaemia. The W.I. are raising funds to enable them to have speakers at their meetings, therefore, after considerable discussion it was decided that the W.I. should pay £25 rental and give the other £25 to ELF as a donation from the Village Hall.
- Chair's Comment:** Alan informed the committee that no action had been taken with regard to the cold call re VAT.
- Skittle Night:** The Skittle evening which was to have been held on the 2nd March, 2018 was cancelled due to very bad weather, ie snow. It has been rescheduled for the 23rd March, 2018 and all the tickets have been sold for this date. Raffle prizes were requested from the Village Hall committee and Nigel asked whether the speaker was available. Tessa informed Nigel that she had it and would bring it to the event. Alan said he had applied for a licence for drinks.
- Future Events:** Antiques evening scheduled for 14th September, 2018. Skittle evening now 23rd March, 2018.
- Summer Fayre:** The summer fayre scheduled for 9th June, 2018 was discussed in great detail. Tessa informed the committee that she had approached Ken re marquee so it is booked but it will be required to be picked up from a different venue. Ken informing Liam who will pick it up. Denise to ask Pat Solly and Jude whether they are available to help on the day.

Audrey to ask Sandra whether her grand daughter is available for face painting. Tessa said that she had a card at home for face painting and balloon modelling so will find out how much they charge. Tessa to find out whether Hospice choir is available and also the band from Morchard Bishop that Hilda Partridge plays with. If the Hospice choir can attend then it was decided to have a stall for Hospice. Nigel to find out how much the buskers cost. It was decided that as the fayre was to take a more traditional stance and thought given to the games that could be played. There were many suggestions for example Sponge throwing, Play your Cards Right, crockery throwing, balls in bucket, ring throwing, egg throwing and it was decided that by the next meeting a list would need to be collated and then a decision on what games would be undertaken and who would man them could be discussed in greater detail. Crediton Fire Brigade to be approached to see, if shouts permitting, they could attend.

Any Other Business: Tessa has received dates from the Parish Council and W.I. re the dates they are using the Village Hall. Invoices have been raised and the W.I. have paid theirs. With regards to the Young Farmers, Tessa has sent an invoice to Julie Giles Bullock for her to pass on to the person who is in charge of finance. An invoice has been issued with the same amount of dates that they used it in 2017 and has requested that if different, they could inform the Village Hall. Alan and Anthony said they would see if Julie could tell them at the Parish Council meeting who we need to contact with regards to the usage of the Village Hall. Denise suggested a poster be put up with regard to hiring the Village Hall but Nigel pointed out that all the adjoining villages had use of their own Village Halls. Films were suggested to be shown in the Village Hall.

Tessa to do posters advertising the A.G.M. of the Village Hall for display in the notice boards as these need to be displayed two weeks prior to the actual meeting.

Nigel informed the committee that he had had a discussion with Andie with regards to the Village Hall floor and said that 4 feet of hardcore covered by concrete needed to be done and then the wooden floor could be laid on top. A lottery grant should be available for this work but it was decided to discuss this topic at a later date.

NEXT MEETING: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY, 9th APRIL, 2018 AT 7.30 P.M.