LEONARD STANLEY VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES of Village Hall Management Committee meeting held on Tuesday 12th April 2022.

APOLOGIES Trustees Phil Herbert & John Webb. Pat Hearne, Amie Copley, Chris Phillips.

PRESENT Trustees David Pearson & Jan Bogdiukiewicz. Ali Harrison, Richard Hubble, Emily Taylor, LSPC Rep Chris Connett, Treasurer Bobbie Ireland, LSSC Byron Fry, Dozule Ctee Roy Wilkes. Secretary Jane Roberts

DP Chairing again as PH still unable to attend. He thanks everyone for filling in for him. He welcomed Emily Taylor, a resident of Broad Meadows, to the meeting.

DP reiterated that, with just 4 Trustees, they are desperately looking for more. PH had nobly stepped in last year and recruited the Treasurer and Secretary to keep things going. If anybody knows of anyone who might be interested, please tell us!

A brief run through of the February Minutes:

The Velux work has been done. JR removed the old kitchen trolley. The new crockery sets remain in store as it is hoped to clean the boxes & contents to sell for roof funds. Jan has fitted the CO detector. Initial plans are underway for the first fundraising activities, more of which later. Thanks to Mrs Burtt’s 100th birthday party the roof fund already stands at £605.

DP remarked that the average running costs are reasonable so far but the VH has been very fortunate to have received the SDC grants that have been awarded, especially as the energy bills are set to increase steeply later in the year. The Treasurer confirmed that the electricity contract will run with the current supplier until December 2022 when it will be reviewed. The gas contract runs until the end of 2025.

The Treasurer has opened a Savings Account and is hoping to apply for lottery funding to match or improve on whatever funds are raised locally over the next few years.

Byron Fry said that the Social Club had experienced difficulties due to recent covid related absences, but that it is better now.

Chris Connett advised the Secretary to ask the Parish Clerk for a set of keys for the existing Notice Board as they could use half of it until LSPC gets its new wooden one,

The Kitchen radiator still needs sanding and painting. Several offers made to do it.

Treasurer had applied to SDC re their Jubilee Grant but has not heard back yet.

The Minutes were proposed, seconded and accepted as a true record of the meeting.

JB reported that Mrs Margaret Burtt had died recently. Those present were very sad to hear this news. The Secretary would get a condolence card to send to the family.

**HALL ROOF QUOTATIONS**: The Manager is still waiting on 3 potential contractors to quote. One has visited & one has an appointment in May. Still waiting on the Bell Tower contractor. They have all worked on the building before.

PS is also concerned about the back roof as the tiles flap about in storms. Several will have to be replaced anyway. On advice from PH, quotes are needed for the whole roof and just for the back roof as there are (expensive?) scaffolding issues and it might be better to replace that side of the top roof only to save money later. Even just ball park figures would be helpful. PS’s full report is appended to the Minutes and available on request.

KM’s quote for separate toilet heating controls has risen considerably, now £1691. BF confirmed that it is still a problem for the Social Club when the main hall is not in use as the toilet & back hall areas are so cold. SC has its own heating but the toilets are linked to the main hall’s CH.

Under the current circumstances it was decided to seek a cheaper option and ask an electrician to quote to install some tube heaters which could be turned on either manually or on a timer to ensure that these areas are kept at a reasonable temperature for toilet visits. ACTION MANAGER

RGs quote for safety glass on the bottom panels of the interior hall doors is £429. No action to be taken at this time.

The fire safety inspector reported that he had hit & cut his head on the defibrillator box. This was perplexing as it is quite high and some commented that it is a bit too high for comfortable use in an emergency. It was a LSPC installation matter so PS would write to the Clerk to ask if it could be lowered. **ACTION MANAGER**

**ROOF FUNDRAISING (Jubilee)**

Chairman was very pleased to see Richard and Ali here again as they have kindly taken on the task of fundraising for the hall. Richard advised that they are planning a Quiz for adults on the 3rd June and a Kings & Queens Treasure Hunt for the kids on the Saturday.

He hopes to have up to 80 people with table teams of 6 @ £5/head & free nibbles. RH will be QM & will have a projector & screen. Fancy dress optional? There will be wine for sale too + glasses on S/R from the supermarket. Plus a raffle and prizes. He expects to raise c £750. **If anyone can supply any raffle prizes that would be really great**.

The VH does have an alcohol licence.

There will be bunting too **Jane to supply some**.

A colourful poster has been produced and c 30 will be printed & laminated to display around the village. **[Digital copies too for hall user groups circulation ?]**

There will be costs to cover and as LSPC has funds available for the Jubilee celebrations CC advised that they just need to put together a list of expenses and make a case for a suitable sum and apply to LSPC. **ACTION RICHARD & ALI**

The Treasure Hunt will start & finish at the VH where tea & cakes will be available. DP had asked Newsagent Julie to advise if there were any Jubilee special sweets for kids as they would make good prizes. RH hoped they would be able to find tasteful themed prizes too.

RH hoped to arrange for a concert in the church later in the year and also a dinner in the VH at some stage. The more events using the hall the better as more people will come to value the facility.

PS advised that £100 has been added to the roof funds today from a very grateful hirer for a wake, the regular hirer for that slot having kindly given way under the circumstances.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

The SDC Omicron Grant of £2667 has been received. Still waiting on SDC Jubilee Grant. (Treasurer confirmed on 25/4/22 that £200 received from SDC.

The Bank balance as of 11.04.22 is £24,184.86 which seems healthy but the gas & electricity costs will rise and the VH will feel these costs acutely.

£120 was paid for repairs to 2 slate tiles, rejigging a downpipe and cutting a section of tarmac and repairing it. The annual subscription for Hallmaster is £224.40 and the annual subscription for the Wix (website) is 273.60. The Profit & Loss report for the year ended 31.03.22 is appended to the Minute book and copies were circulated in the room It features comparisons to years 2020 and 2021.

**SOCIAL CLUB REPORT**

BF said it is a quiet time there at the moment but they are doing alright. They have nearly 100 members with a wide spread of ages and younger people are taking an interest in the pool and darts games. Membership is a very modest £2 pa and £1 pa for pensioners.

Toilet rolls would be supplied to the SC to replenish empty holders as occasionally happens when they are the only users.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Jan has put the sign up by the gate.

Bobbie Ireland is considering whether to become a Trustee. Secretary to pass on the digital information for her perusal.

Meeting closed at approximately 8.30pm.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** TBA

Confirmed as: Tuesday 28th June at 7.30pm. This will be the AGM. The Secretary and Treasurer are willing to continue but the current Chairman (Phil Herbert) now wishes to retire and will not stand again.