

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

- Present:** Alan Clarke, Anthony Martin, Tessa Pluck, Audrey Cook, Denise Appleyard, Nigel Fidock
- Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2018 were shared, read and agreed.
- Treasurers Report:** Nigel supplied an up to date Treasurer's report. Nigel informed the committee that he had entered into a 3 year deal with EDF and we are now paying 18p per day for the metre as opposed to the previous charge of 70p per day. This will save £189.80 per annum. Also, the unit price for electricity is frozen at 13.21p per unit until 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021. The committee endorsed his decision. Hall cleaning and EDF invoices have been paid
- Matters Arising:** Tessa informed the committee that the Colin Pluck said that the clock was put up in 1990 as per the plaque on the wall outside the Village Hall. Tessa also mentioned that there is a leak under the sink in the Village Hall and Andy Rice (Plumber) has looked at it and is trying to get a new heater. With regards to the work that needs doing outside the Village Hall, Tessa is awaiting the number of a person that Andy knows who does odd jobs. With regards to the cleaning of the windows, Nigel suggested Stuart and Nigel Penny so they will be contacted. Nigel has put a new battery in the clock in the Village Hall and at the meeting we stopped the outside clock for an hour as due to the clocks changing, it was an hour out
- Chairs Comment:** Alan was pleased that the table tennis is going ahead and said he would like to see the Village Hall used as much as possible.
- Christmas Event:** The Christmas event was discussed and Denise has chosen a tree which is a Norwegian Spruce. The tree is coming from Kate & Mervin Anstey as per last year and it will be cut down before 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2018. Denise said she thought it would be £25 as per last year. Nigel to do the concreting on the 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 and liaise with Colin. Tessa to check when Will Jones can pick it up and liaise with Dave Vennelle as to when he can erect it. Nigel to check lights and get a further couple of sets as Denise said she felt the tree was bigger this year. Audrey suggested putting the battery cases in plastic bags to protect them from the rain. Tessa said she would get batteries from Poundland as they are very cheap, i.e. £1 for 10/12 and are Kodak. Tessa has 2 lights which we could use outside to give more light for

the carols and a wanderlead is needed. Nigel to ascertain which are the most popular carols. Denise said that Jude would help Father Christmas with the presents and take a book of raffle tickets to sell. Denise has made a Christmas cake and the committee decided that as opposed to doing a draw for it, it would be better to guess its weight. Denise has 12 bottles of red wine for the mulled wine and Audrey and Tessa are going to make it on the morning of the event. This year, much more mulled wine will be made. Lucy will do the bar this year as John is away. IWe have thermos glasses for the mulled wine. Alan to get the licence. Elizabeth Winsor is lending us a hostess trolley and Jude has one on which we can keep the mulled wine warm. Nigel said the Church have one also that we can borrow so we will have enough to keep the sausage rolls and mince pies warm. John is getting the beer, lager, red wine, fruit juice and diet coke. Denise has a barrel with a tap on it that we can use. Denise has made mince pies and Tessa and Denise have made sausage rolls. Maralyn Cooper and Audrey have volunteered to make some more sausage rolls. It was decided to keep the starting time at 5.30 with Carols at 6pm and 6.30 for refreshments. Kath to do the sausage and chips. Denise & Tessa have bought containers for the sausage and chips, plastic glasses and napkins. Denise has plastic forks. Christine Petherick to be by the door of the kitchen to take orders and money for the food. Tessa has the plaque things we put on top of the tree last year and she also has a star which lights up. Nigel, very kindly, said he would supply the Father Christmas presents. Tessa and Denise have wrapped 29 presents and Nigel suggested to get more for the under 5s. We have some cars in stock which we will use and wrap. Also, it was decided to get a box of Haribou sweets for Father Christmas to hand out on his travels around the village. Adam to drive Father Christmas as he has a Land Cruiser and lights will be put on the roof but should they break, no stopping. Denise and Tessa have bought the reindeer prizes and the age groups are going to be 8 and under, 13 and under and adults. Tape is needed to do a start and finish for the reindeer racing and draw prizes are also needed.

**Any Other Business:** Table tennis has been on twice on a Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. We had an enquiry about a keep fit class but, as yet, no booking has been made.

Nigel suggested that we buy David Cooper a Christmas gift to say thank you for all his hard work in doing the posters and flyers for all our events. This was unanimously endorsed by the committee.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**MONDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2019 AT 7.30 P.M.**

**Down St. Mary Community Hall**  
**Treasurers Report**  
**01.10.18 – 10.11.18**

**Balance of Accounts.**

£2,475.85	Current A/c
£ 482.76	Clock A/c
£4,158.25	High Interest A/c
£ 292.77	Petty Cash
<b>£7,409.63</b>	<b>Total (£7,013.91)</b>

**Expenditure.**

£ 65.78	EDF
£ 18.00	Hall Cleaning (7/10/18)

**£ 83.78      Total**

**Income**

£ 20.00	Hall Hire – (Table tennis)
£ 72.00	Electric Meter
<b>£ 92.00</b>	<b>Total</b>

**Stock**

£10.80

A quite month for finances. The contents of the meter covered the last EDF bill. The last time the meter was emptied was 12/10/17 (£21.00). I have been in contact with EDF and entered into a 3 year deal, expiring 31/12/21. We were paying 70p per day for the meter but with the deal it is now 18p per day. This means that over the 3 year period we will save £569.40 or £189.80 per year. Our unit price for electricity is also frozen at 13.21p per unit until 31/12/21. This will giving us savings in real terms over the next 3 years. Unit prices will probably increase, but not ours.

Nigel Fidock