

**DOWN ST MARY VILLAGE HALL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON**  
**MONDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023**

**Present:** Alan Clarke, Tessa Pluck, Denise Appleyard, Nigel Fidock, Audrey Cook and Anthony Martin.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 were shared, read and agreed.

**Matters Arising:** Tessa informed the Committee that Roman Glass would be mending the windows on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2023, weather permitting. Alan could not find any small tables that would be suitable, therefore, the Committee decided to buy one table from Office Furniture costing £104.40 including VAT to ascertain whether it would be suitable. Tessa informed the Committee that Darius would do the damp proofing in May this year. He has been booked. Tessa obtained a quote from Unique Mobility Limited in Exeter for the supply of a ramp and platform. The quote totalled £1,992.00. Tessa showed the Committee two ramps that Colin had sourced costing £30. These were deemed suitable by the Committee and Colin is to make a platform to join up with the ramps. Denise and Tessa to spray ramps silver to match the platform. A sheet of aluminium from Conibear for the top of the platform is approximately £140.00. By doing it this way, it would save a considerable amount of money.

15.3.23.  
£331.70  
116.40  
each.

£58

**Chairman's Report:** Alan thanked Colin, John, Denise and Tessa for their help.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nigel supplied an up to date Treasurer's Report for the period from the 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 to the 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2023. Nigel informed the Committee that he has paid Roman Glass for the replacement glass as was agreed by the whole Committee.

Tessa gave Nigel £22.50 cash for Pilates rent, £15.00 cash for sale of Down St. Mary book, £2.00 cash for book sales, £7.50 cheque from Down St. Mary Sewage Committee, £130.50 and £13.50 cheques for Bow Young Farmers Rental of the Hall for 2023.

**Village Hall Survey:** Alan showed the Committee the letter concerning the audit of Village Halls. It is to ascertain how the Village Halls are being used by the Community. It is Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE).

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**Platinum Jubilee**

**Village Hall Fund:** Alan showed the Committee the form that needs to be filled in if the Committee want to apply for a grant for new work not repairs. Audrey sourced that the grant would be 20% of the total work price. The Committee decided that it would not be a viable proposition to build an extension, therefore, Denise said that we should go back to the original plan for a storage shed. The deadline for applying for the grant is March so the Committee decided that it was too tight a time and as it does not apply to repairs or maintenance, we would not apply this time.

**Future Events:** The King's Coronation was discussed and Alan and Anthony informed the Committee that the Parish Council were thinking of organising a barbeque and tea. Details of which will follow.

Tessa informed the Committee that the Quiz Master could not do the Quiz until October, 2023 so he has been booked for October, date to be decided.

After considerable discussion by the Committee, Nigel volunteered to organise a Mini Quiz. It was decided to do the Mini Quiz, Knock out Darts Competition, Vegetable or Meat Pasty, Licensed Bar on the 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2023. Price of tickets including a pasty £6, time 7 pm for 7.30pm.

Audrey has spoken to her friend in Spreyton that runs Bingo sessions. She is willing to organise one for us on a date which does not clash with her dates. It was decided to maybe do a Bingo evening in the future.

**Any Other Business:** Tessa gave Anthony an up to date price list for the Hire of the Village. *H.L.I.*

As the old prices are still shown on the Parish Council website, Tessa asked Anthony to change the prices. \*

Nigel has been approached by ELF asking for confirmation of our dates for functions so that we do not clash with their fundraising.

A.G.M. Scheduled Date 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 at 7.30 p.m.**