

DOWN ST MARY VILLAGE HALL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, 13th MARCH, 2023

- Present:** Alan Clarke, Tessa Pluck, Denise Appleyard, Nigel Fidock, Audrey Cook and Anthony Martin.
- Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 13th February, 2023 were shared, read and agreed.
- Matters Arising:** Tessa informed the Committee that Roman Glass would be mending the windows on Wednesday, 15th March, 2023, weather permitting. The three small tables have arrived at a cost of £110.40 each with no delivery costs. They appear to be good quality and are the same make as the larger tables. Tessa informed the Committee that she had obtained a quote from Martin Weeks for the work on the damp proofing, path and base for a shed. He quoted £4,000 which he said is on the high side but it would cover any unforeseen problems, therefore, the cost could be less. The Committee decided to wait for now and discuss it again at the next meeting. Colin has finished the platform for the disability access and the cost of the aluminium was £58. Alan suggested putting a sign up 'Mind the Step' and Nigel suggested putting yellow tape on the step to make people aware of the step.
- Tessa reminded Anthony about altering the prices for the hire of the Village Hall on the Parish Council website.
- Chairman's Report:** Alan informed the Committee that he had obtained a Drinks License for the Social on the 24th March, 2023.
- Alan informed the Committee that Torridge District Council have agreed to charge Village Halls Business Rates. Their charge is £175. Alan hoped that Mid Devon District Council would not follow suit but Nigel said that as April was nearly here, it was unlikely for MDDC to introduce this charge for the next year.
- Treasurer's Report:** Nigel supplied an up to date Treasurer's Report for the period from the 14th February, 2023 to the 13th March, 2023 and informed the Committee that the Bank charges £7 for paying in cash.
- Tessa gave Nigel £67.50 cash for Pilates rent. They have paid for the following 6 weeks.
- Social Evening:** At the moment, numbers for this event is uncertain as there are a lot of people away and others that have family commitments.

Future Events: The Committee decided to organise a Summer Fete on the 15th July, 2023. Tessa showed the Committee details Anthony had sent to her of a show put on by RPM Displays for bike riding. They are quite expensive but will substantially reduce their costs for a reduced display. The Committee liked the idea but the cost would have be considered at a future date to see whether this was an option or not.

Any Other Business: Hall

Anthony raised the subject of internet connection for the Village Hall. Nigel said although the installation and rental would be free for 18 months, the ongoing rental would be approximately £29 per month. At the moment, the Parish Council are the only ones interested in the internet connection so Alan said until we get other organisations hiring the Village Hall who require this service, we will wait and see what the future holds.

A.G.M. Scheduled Date 24th April, 2023 followed by a Committee meeting. Nigel requested posters being put up to advertise this event.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 24th April, 2023 at 7.30 p.m.