

DOWN ST MARY VILLAGE HALL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, 15th MAY, 2023

- Present:** Alan Clarke, Tessa Pluck, Denise Appleyard, Nigel Fidock, Audrey Cook, Anthony Martin, Tom Samson, Jude Milton and Christine Tonkin
- Minutes:** The minutes of the Meeting held on the 24th April, 2023 were shared, read and agreed.
- Matters Arising:** Chris Tonkin agreed to join the Committee and she was warmly welcomed by the whole Committee.
- Three small tables ordered from Office Furniture on Line.
- The damp work is ongoing as although Darius has been booked he has failed to contact us. It was proposed that we ask Martin Weeks if he could be more accurate with his estimate.
- Denise knows of a lady decorator and is to contact her. Her husband is a handyman and may be interested in quoting for the damp.
- Chairman's Report:** Tom had asked when the Village Hall was listed and Alan informed the Committee that it was listed on the 20th November, 1986. Although only the outside was listed, the Conservation Department said that if we alter the floors in the Hall and in the foyer we would need consent. Doing the damp does not need consent.
- Alan informed the Committee that the Charity Commission requires details of our finances together with details of trustees.
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- Treasurer's Report:** Nigel supplied an up to date Treasurer's Report for the period 24th April, 2023 to the 14th May, 2023.
- The books are with the Auditor so an exact petty cash figure was not given but it approximately between £600-£700. Electricity and Insurance for Hall due imminently.

Village Hall Clock: The Village Hall clock was discussed in great detail. Roger had tried to amalgamate the two motors from the old Village Hall clock and the spare clock that Audrey had. He managed to get it going but over a period of 24 hours it lost considerable time. He investigated the price of a replacement motor which amounted to £250 + VAT with a delivery charge of £14.50 + VAT bringing it to a total of £317.40. After further investigation, Tessa informed the Committee that the replacement motor could not be guaranteed for outside use unless in a casing. Although this was the favoured original option, the Committee decided it was preferable to buy a new clock that would be guaranteed. A quote has been obtained from As Time Goes By and the cost of a replacement clock would amount to £475 + VAT with a delivery cost of £18 bringing it to a total of £588.00, colour Oxford Blue. As the Clock Account contained a figure of approximately £517, the Committee decided to purchase a new clock. Nigel suggested we ask Dave Vennelle if we could use his cherry picker to remove the clock casing for renovation. Tessa to ask him.

Future Events: The Summer Fayre is scheduled for the 15th July, 2023. Audrey has contacted Roger Column and booked him. The Summer Fayre to include Barbeque, Bar, Cream Teas, Tombola, Cake Stall, Games, Book Stall, Egg Throwing, Draw. Jude informed the Committee that she would ask her daughter if she would do the Face Painting, Frances Samson to make 30 scones and Elizabeth Winsor to do the balance. Alan to apply for a licence for the Bar. Tessa to see whether a Fire Engine will be available, shouts permitting. Audrey, Alan and Belinda to supply pop ups together with those of the Village Hall. Tessa to ask Christine Petherick whether she would do Sweets in a Jar. Final details to be discussed at next meeting.

Any Other Business:

Tom raised the subject of maybe organising a Coffee Morning on the first Saturday of each month. This could either coffee and cakes or a bacon bap. Details will be discussed at next meeting to see who is available on those Saturdays.

The electrician is coming on the 19th May, 2023 for appliance testing and installing a switch for the clock.

Colin has located roofing tiles that are a match for the Village Hall tiles at no charge. Tom gave the number of his roof tiler but there is a man that has moved to Down St. Mary who is a roof tiler who will be approached to see whether he will replace the tiles on the Village Hall. Update at next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 19TH JUNE, 2023