

DOWN ST MARY VILLAGE HALL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, 7th NOVEMBER, 2022

- Present:** Alan Clarke, Tessa Pluck, Denise Appleyard, Nigel Fidock, Audrey Cook and Anthony Martin
- Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd October, 2022 were shared, read and agreed.
- Matters Arising:** Following the meeting with Jen Nixon of Mid Devon District Council Conservation Department, Tessa contacted a specialist in metal work from Morchard Road. He, very kindly, looked at the windows and in his opinion, he thought that the only glass that needs repairing are the panes that are broken. He suggested all the putty work be replaced and then decorated. If the glaziers, Roman Glass who are experts in this kind of replacement glass, did not want to undertake replacing the putty then the decorators could undertake the work. An estimate for the glass replacement to be sought. As an Access Tower would need to be hired, Anthony suggested that work could be carried out on the clock at the same time as well as replacing dislodged tiles.
- Tessa informed the Committee that Rhonda's, the cleaner, charges would be £12.50 per hour. She is flexible and will only clean when asked to do so, therefore, not on a regular basis but as and when needed. She has requested a new mop as the old one is worn out. Denise has ordered a new mop, bucket with metal sides together with 4 mop heads. The cost is £29 including delivery.
- Chairman's Report:** Alan thanked the Committee for all their hard work in making the Skittle evening such a success. He said the food was excellent and thanked John for doing a great job on the bar.
- Alan also suggested that we organise a new ramp for invalid access. This would be in two parts but would be portable to be erected as and when needed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Nigel supplied an up to date Treasurers Report for the period from the 4th October, 2022 to the 7th November, 2022. Nigel informed the Committee that we are on an off peak/night tariff at present. Our contract ends on the 31st December, 2022 after which on taking out a new contract we would be entitled to some benefit of adjustment. Tessa said she was not in favour of a standing order payment as you always pay more and the electricity company are permanently in front.

When Andrea comes and checks the heater that is not working, we will ask him to check that the tariff on the metre is correct.

Tessa gave Nigel a £100 cheque for the hire of the Village by the Parish Council and £35 in cash from the Pilates group. The cleaner's bill is £25 and Nigel gave Tessa the cash and she is to pay the cleaner.

Skittle Evening: The Village Hall Committee's Skittle Social evening on Friday, 28th October, 2022 was a great success with new residents joining in with the old ones. We made a total of £383.82 profit. Balance sheet given to all the Committee. The pies and quiche were enjoyed by everybody and a thank you to Denise for making the quiches. The First Round winners were Phil Yendell and Margaret Phillips and the Killer Round was won by Barry Trickey and Barbara Mugleson. Trophies were presented to the winners.

Christmas Event: Preparations for the Christmas Social Evening on Saturday, 10th December, 2022 are undergoing. Dave Cooper has done the flyers and these will be distributed. Alan to apply for licence and has offered to pay for this as he is unable to attend the event. Nigel offered to pay for any extra Father Christmas gifts. Start at 5.00pm with Father Christmas switching on tree lights at 5.30 pm. Audrey to check with Tuckers on price of tree, ie Norwegian Spruce or Nordman Non Drop. Tessa to check with Mole Avon on price. Food sausage rolls and mince pies and possibly chips. Mulled wine, bar and raffle with Reindeer racing to finish. Set up in Village Hall 1st December at 2 pm.

Any Other Business:

The Committee discussed the hire rates for the Village Hall and it was decided to increase the rates to £7.50 per hour from January, 2023 due to increased costs. If paid in advance a discount of 10% would be applied.

As the small tables are becoming unsafe, it was decided to look into prices to replace them.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 9th January, 2023 at 7.30 p.m.