

DOWN ST MARY VILLAGE HALL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, 3rd OCTOBER, 2022

- Present:** Alan Clarke, Tessa Pluck, Denise Appleyard and Anthony Martin
- Apologies:** Nigel Fidock and Audrey Cook
- Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th September, 2022 were shared, read and agreed.
- Matters Arising:** Jen Nixon of Mid Devon District Council Conservation Department contacted Tessa re visiting Down St. Mary Village Hall to ascertain what improvements can be made and whether Listed Building Consent would be required. Meeting arranged for 20th September, 2022 at 2.30 p.m. The meeting took place and was very helpful and informative, Jen Nixon explaining everything in detail and her knowledge was expansive. After the meeting attended by Nigel, Tessa, Denise and Colin, Jen submitted a detailed report as to what we can and cannot do, a copy of which was given to all the Village Hall Committee members for their perusal.
- Chairman's Report:** Alan thanked Tessa for organising meeting with Conservation Officer.
- Treasurer's Report:** Nigel supplied an up to date Treasurers Report for the period from the 5th September, 2022 to the 3rd October, 2022. Tessa gave Nigel a £40 cheque for the hire of the Village on the 17th September, 2022 and £20 cash for hire of the Village Hall on the 24th September, 2022. Main expenditure was £69.60 paid to Roger Thomas for the purchase of large Christmas lights.
- Skittle Evening:** The Village Hall Committee are to organise a Skittle Social evening on Friday, 28th October, 2022 starting at 7.30 p.m. The price of the pies was approximately £2.84 but hopefully if we order quite a few, a discount may be available. Cox's do a chicken and bacon slice which was tried by Denise and Tessa and it was decided to go for them as well as the Steak Pies and Quiche. Tessa has some trophies which will probably suffice as prizes. Draw to take place and Alan to apply for a drinks licence. Dave Cooper doing tickets, posters and flyers. Set up probably Thursday afternoon.
- Christmas Event:** The Village Hall Committee to organise the usual Christmas Social Evening on Saturday, 10th December, 2022, format to follow previous years. New large lights have been purchased. Father Christmas can come. Details to be discussed at next meeting.

Any Other Business:

Tessa raised the subject of a cleaner as at the moment Tessa and Denise are doing the cleaning. Tessa has found one called Rhonda from Morchard Road who also cleans for the Waie Inn. She charges £11 per hour and is going to come up to the Village Hall to see exactly what needs doing. She is flexible and will be able to clean as and when necessary.

It was decided to discuss the hire rates for the Village Hall for 2023 at the next meeting when everybody will be in attendance.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7th November 2022 at 7.30 p.m.