

DOWN ST MARY VILLAGE HALL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, 20th JUNE, 2022

- Present:** Alan Clarke, Anthony Martin, Tessa Pluck, Denise Appleyard, Audrey Cook and Nigel Fidock.
- Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd May, 2022 were shared, read and agreed. Inadvertently, the £10 paid to Nigel was inserted twice so the second mention has been deleted. Also, Nigel emailed the Committee re the new insurance premium asking for their agreement for payment.
- Matters Arising:** The Hall insurance has been renewed with our new insurers Access, the cost of which is £523.23. The Committee had all agreed to this by email to Nigel.
- Chairman's Report:** Alan thanked the Committee for organising the Bring & Share Jubilee celebration.
Alan has received a request from the Valuation Office Agency with regard to Business rates. They have requested details of rent, lease or ownership information. Alan to respond.
- Treasurer's Report:** Nigel supplied an up to date Treasurers Report for the period up from the 23rd May, 2022 to the 20th June, 2022. Tessa gave Nigel £15 from the Pilates group. The total cost of the Jubilee celebrations to the Village Hall amounted to £113.17. This amount was for Scarecrow prizes, bunting, flags, table cloths etc. which have all been kept for the future.
- Jubilee Event:** Denise and Tessa reported that there were in excess of 90 people at the Bring & Share Jubilee event. The amount of food provided by everybody was fantastic with a spread like no other. Everybody was very generous and everybody enjoyed the afternoon. It was hard work for the Committee as there was a great amount of carrying in setting up and putting away. The Scarecrow prizes were judged and prizes presented by Jane & Ken Hogg at the celebration, the results of which are as follows:
- 1st Prize Roger & Vivian Thomas
2nd Prize Chris Tonkins
3rd Prize Lisa Camp
Highly Commended John & Vicki White
Special Mention to Edward & Emily Petherick

Future Plans: It was decided not to organise anything at present but future plans will be decided at the next meeting.

Any Other Business: Alan has received a request from ACRE with an on line preliminary form for a further grant for improvements. The Committee decided that the priority is the windows at present. Other projects included insulation, ramp, floor and the fact that we are trying to preserve the Village Hall in the original style as it was built in approximately 1839 as a Primary School. Alan to complete form. Tessa to approach MDDC to ascertain exactly what we are allowed to do in accordance with the Conservation Officer and request a site visit.

Tessa was approached by Ken Warren who suggested having an open garden event. He has a beautiful garden which he would like to share and it was proposed combining it with other lovely gardens and then hold a Cream Tea in the Village Hall. Nigel raised the point that the participants would need to inform their insurance company. This to be explored further.

Jane Hogg gave Tessa a couple of newsletters from Zeal Monachorum which were passed around the Committee. She wondered whether we would like to put our news in these newsletters which was agreed by the Committee. Nigel to submit news direct as and when we had something to report. Tessa to find out the contact person.

Tessa reported that she had been approached about starting a Youth Club for the youngsters of the Village. She will explore which parents are interested and report back.

It was requested that the Committee be aware of the cutting policy of the Village Green as if a Youth Club is formed, it will affect the outside play area for the children with regard to games etc. Alan to investigate.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 5th September, 2022 at 7.30 p.m.