

**DOWN ST MARY VILLAGE HALL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON**  
**MONDAY, 25TH APRIL, 2022**

- Present:** Alan Clarke, Anthony Martin, Tessa Pluck, and Nigel Fidock.
- Apologies:** Denise Appleyard and Audrey Cook
- Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 were shared, read and agreed.
- Matters Arising:** It was noted that Tessa purchased 4 heaters not 5 as Colin did an accurate heat calculation which showed that 4 would be more than adequate. Andrea has fitted these together with 2 way switches. The Dartboard is erected and the table tennis equipment is in the Village Hall, therefore available for anybody's use.
- Chairman's Report:** Alan was pleased with the Social Evening and commented on the popularity of the table tennis and darts. He thought that it stimulated interest for the newcomers and people might want to hire the Village Hall to play darts or table tennis
- Treasurer's Report:** Nigel supplied an up to date Treasurers Report for the period up to 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2022. We received a further grant from MDDC for the sum of £2,667.00 and Nigel thanked those who pursued it.
- Nigel informed the Committee that in fact £512.76 from the Clock Fund was transferred to the Reserve Account as the bank charged £5 for this transaction.
- Nigel paid Tessa £102.19 in payment for the purchase of the Jubilee decorations. Tessa gave Nigel £40 for the hire of the Village Hall by the Pilates group.
- Social Evening Review:** The Social Evening made a profit of £38.90. It was a successful evening and some newcomers to the Village attended which showed them that darts and table tennis are available to be played. Nigel mentioned that we should put a notice on the notice board that dominoes are available as well and also next time provide background music. Nigel also said that maybe next time we should order fewer pasties but it was pointed out that we managed to sell the remaining pasties at the price we paid for them, therefore recouping our outlay.
- Future Events:** Tessa informed the Committee that the fliers for the Jubilee celebration were delivered and the event publicised on the Notice Boards. Very few replies have yet come in so it was decided to discuss this at the next meeting when Denise and Audrey will be in attendance.

Alan informed the Committee that the Parish Council are holding a hog roast on Saturday night, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2022. The Parish Council are also going to donate mugs to the children of the Parish – 16 years and under which they are going to present at the Village Hall's Jubilee celebration on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> June. The Parish Council are also looking into buying a marquee.

**Hall Improvements:** All 4 heaters have now been fitted by Andrea together with 2 way switches. The heaters appear very efficient and supply more heat than the old fan heaters.

We are waiting for the Polish contractor to advise on a starting date for the damp. The rotten wood in the foyer has been removed and will be replaced once damp proof work commences.

Tessa mentioned that the Village Hall windows were very dirty and the Committee agreed to get a window cleaner. Nigel suggested having them cleaned approximately every 3 months to which the Committee agreed. Tessa said she would paint the siting where the old heaters were and remove the coat hooks below the new heater which is a fire risk. Where to put the rod was discussed and a new site for it will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Any Other Business:** Tessa raised the subject of the cutting of the Village Green as usually at this time, it has already been cut. Alan and Anthony were unsure about the current situation on this and said they would raise it at the next Parish Council meeting, after which they would inform the Village Hall Committee of their intentions. Tessa said that it needs to be cut as the Village Hall want to use it for their Jubilee celebration and at the moment it is totally unusable for functions or as a play area for the Village children.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 at 7.30 p.m.**