

## Buckland Newton Village Hall

### Minutes of the committee meeting held on Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024 at 9am

**Attendance** Kate Parish (KP), Katharine Hayens (KH), Georgie Burnett (GB), Jenny Ferreira (JF), Nicky Barker (NB), Ian Scott (IS), Vinny McKenna (VM), Michelle Crozier-Jobber (MCJ) ,

1. **Apologies** Caron White and Sandie Stout.

2. **Declarations of interest** None.

### **3. Approval of minutes from meeting held on Monday October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023**

A query was raised regarding the naming of the charity bank referred to in item 6. MCJ confirmed that this was CAF bank. Otherwise the minutes were approved as a correct record.

### **4. Matters arising**

In a quick catch up KP mentioned that work is still in progress regarding the contract with Wessex Internet to ensure that their £1 a month promised broadband deal would be guaranteed for 10 years. She is also chasing the sign makers regarding non-hall users parking in the hall car park. Molly Clift's watercolour is ready to be mounted in the Committee Room.

### **5. Treasurer's report** (MCJ))

Current balances: £15,736 in the current account and £23,625.46 in the deposit account, with two large bills recently paid – the boiler service and the hall insurance policy. The £1,220 payment in from the Piddle Valley Players had been received now, and £11,700 from Dorset Council (DC) in advance for Wednesday family hub hire for the next two years.

MCJ then presented an analysis of best banking options going forward. It was agreed that £20,000 be deposited in a one year savings account with CAF bank (provided by Shawbrook bank LTD), with the remainder to a current account with the Co-op bank.

MCJ & VM were awaiting the April bank statement to confirm annual account figures for 2023/24

## **6. Family Hub**

KP outlined considerable progress with establishing the family hub provision on Wednesdays, in partnership with Dorset Council. The project would be managed by the Buckland Newton Family Hub Community Partnership, involving the village School, the toddler group and the youth club amongst others, for 50 weeks a year, avoiding the Christmas/ New Year fortnight. Various physical improvements would also follow from this provision, including much better storage facilities in the hall and improvements in the Committee Room.

## **7. Hall roof**

Nick Baker had provided two quotes for repair to the front roof of the hall, and it was unanimously agreed that the second of these, the one involving adding new roofing sheets and insulation above the existing roof panels would be best value for money and should be adopted (proposed by NB & seconded by KP). Whether the £5,600 quote included VAT would be checked. The new sheets would be slate blue box profile steel.

## **8. Flood Risk**

NB had alerted the Committee to the risk of water incursion to the Hall site from the field immediately to the South of the Hall should development go ahead there as planned, as there is such a prevalence of spring activity there, and previous history had revealed the Hall's vulnerability in this respect. It was agreed that a careful watch should be applied to this proposal, with insistence on drainage mitigation should it go ahead. IS agreed to find the original British Trust for Conservation Volunteers plan for the Wilderness area to inform future activity there (including the possible restoration of the pond), and possible liaison with the village Environment Group to form a working party. (Following the meeting Committee Members walked around the Wilderness Site).

## **9. Storage**

It was agreed to get quotes for storage improvements as already outlined and to hire a skip over the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May for a clear out of unwanted items from all areas of the Hall, including the two attics and the under stage area.

## **10. Jobs**

It was agreed that the damaged internal door between the main hall and the Committee room should be replaced at the same time as other work being carried out. It was also agreed that MCJ should order a top up of heating oil.

## **11. Steam Cleaner**

NB agreed to consult floor consultant, Mr Birch, on the best method for cleaning the main hall floor. Subject to his advice the Hall Committee would consider purchasing a steam cleaner for this purpose.

## **12. A.O.B.**

GB asked for the ownership of the outdoor shed to be clarified, and it was confirmed that this is the responsibility of the mother and toddler group. There may be a link up in improving this with the Family Hub provision. KP & GB to explore

There was a brief discussion about summer holiday creative workshop activity at the Hall in line with the Family Hub provision and the current Artsreach creative workshops offer. It was agreed that the local Artsreach promoting team and KP would investigate this.

It was agreed that options for garden maintenance should be further pursued.

## **13. Date of next meeting**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 9am.

