

HOLTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Monday 7th October 2024 AT 7.30PM

MINUTES

Chair: Mel Ault (MA)

Attendees: Sonja Barter (SB), Dave Holmes (DH), Sue Holmes, (SH), Clive Ganczarski (CG), Jane-Patricia Farrow (JPF), Dominique Smith (DS),

Apologies:, Andy Murray (AM), Clare Wright (CW),

1. Approval of Minutes 2nd Sept 2024

Proposed by **DH**, seconded by **CG** signed by **MA**

2. Financial Matters – SB provided the summary of Cash balances and a review of the finances this month.

MA checked the figures given by **SB** against the Bank statement & signed.

SB reported that as we approach the end of the financial year (Dec 2024) we have made approximately £500 profit on the Bar but no profit on the Hall Income.

The Bookings income is just about covering our running costs at the moment.

The Holton Players have cancelled their booking this autumn, Bookings have been generally reduced over the last few months and we have not held any Village Hall event that has made any reasonable profit (apart from the BBQ & Quiz night).

Bridge Club have cancelled the last 3 weeks due to lack of numbers – are they going to be leaving, thus reducing our regular income even further? **DH** will speak to the Bridge Club about their future booking status if they cancel again on 14th Oct.

3. Events

Afternoon Teas – DH, DS, SH

Continued through the summer with the usual variation in numbers but sufficient to keep it going at the moment.

Apple Pressing Day

An enjoyable afternoon with a good turnout, although some regulars were noted to be missing.

Dominique & Kieron worked incredibly hard to provide & set up all the required equipment and all the associated clearing away at the end. Many thanks to them and all others that helped.

Lots of homemade cake provided by some of the ‘Friends’ – emails/thanks have been sent on behalf of the Village Hall to those who contributed.

The WI tombola raised £80 for their funds.

Refreshments raised £61.50 (after expenses taken)

Future Events

Race Night Fri 8th -cancelled

Road Safety Week- 17th-23rd November. Being arranged by the Road Safety Committee

Living Advent Calendar – to be arranged **CW** -details to follow

Talk / Bar Night –Friday 15th November –

Jan Marlowe has offered to do a talk about the History of Holton around the time of WW2.

This is to relate to Remembrance Sunday.

Film Night- Friday 29th November -Top Gun Maverick **SB /JPF**

Quiz Night – Friday 6th December **DH/ SH/SB**

50th Birthday of VH- 25th Oct 2025

Ceilidh still thought to be a good idea. There is a private hire in the Village Hall on 16th Nov that have a Ceilidh booked – cost & availability to be investigated. **DH**

4. Bookings Update

DH – Bookings are generally down. See comments under “Financial matters”

5. Property Matters

Roles & Responsibilities- annual changing of batteries in the radiator valves (to allow WiFi connectivity of the heating control) in the Committee Room & the Main Hall thermostat need to be added to the list. It has been done for this year (Oct 2024) **SH**

Outstanding jobs from the ‘Tidy Up’ day.

Sorting out the loft

Books from many years ago remain to be sorted & disposed of.

Possibly a job to be done at the time of the next Afternoon Tea -17th October at 3pm.

Risk Assessments – last done March 2022-needs re doing **SB & JPF**

Energy Survey Checklist – **SB** gave to **CG** to complete to see if there are any ways to improve/ reduce our energy consumption.

Hall Heating Pipework – Green & Wakefield have been to assess the possibilities for replacement of /rearranging the heating pipework.

Positive feedback but as yet have not received the quote.

Taylor's from Wheatley are also coming to do a quote.

We probably won't be able to get a Grant for this as it will not be an 'energy saving' project.

Solar Panels – possibilities to be revisited. A visit to Cassington VHall suggested as they have had them installed.

Flooring- options still being considered. We need something with good durability.

Advertising Board- a replacement for the one that was stolen from the 'Green' is being looked at. Something that can be fixed /?concreted would be ideal. **DH/SH/DS**

6. Rota for Bins/Hall Check/Defibrillator Check

Please also check the Defibrillator whilst putting out the bins & tick the check sheet that is on the noticeboard in the Entrance Hall of the Village Hall.

DS -Oct

CW- Nov

MA – Dec

SB- January

JPF-Feb

CG- March

DH- April

SH - May

AM- June

Grundon bin is emptied every 4 weeks.

The other bins are the same as the bins at home – Recycling & Garden waste one week and the Black bin (General rubbish) alternate weeks.

Please arrange cover or swap if you are not going to be available for your turn.

7. AOB

WI – have asked if they can put their Birthday certificate on the wall in the corridor by the Committee room. No objections were made.

Sandbags- **SB** is going to get some sandbags in readiness for any future flooding. Storage of these was discussed.

8. Date of next meeting – Mon 4th November 2024 Holton Village Hall 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.50pm