

New Village Hall Project Group Meeting

Friday, 24th February 2023

Venue: All Saints Church by kind permission of the PCC

Minutes

Present: *Village Hall Committee / Trustees:* George Brett Reynolds (Chair), Margaret Brett Reynolds, David Skinner, Graham Polson, Graham Able *Hall Project Advisory Board:* Sophie Trend (co-ordinator), Susie Freeman, Paul Brown, Carol Brown, Tom Mitcheson, Mary Able

Apologies: *Village Hall Committee / Trustees:* Barbara Clark, Julie Piggott, John Harrison, Tim Green *Project Advisory Board:* Sue Harrison, Lindy Green, Julie Dyson, Suki Polson, Susan Neil, Tony Green, Tina Guillory, Sarah Hiner *QS:* Rick Jones

Minutes & matters arising: The minutes of the last meeting (dated 2.12.22), previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chair. There were no matters arising.

Building update: Following an early February progress report circulated by email on 7.2.23 to the Project Group, Graham P. confirmed that work at the hall site is largely going well. Issues with bricklayers, who pulled out of the job at short notice, have now been resolved by Grocott & Murfit Project Manager, Justin Howe. However, this has put the project behind by a week. Sign-off date currently end September. No added costs to materials to date, and the kitchen supplier has agreed to hold the price until delivery. Lindy's comments noted re. power sockets - final drawings expected imminently. Electric window blinds to be grey (meeting in favour). Three washbasins now relocated to hallway outside toilet cubicles with two blade driers for hand-drying (note, same cloakroom layout / furnishing as Holt Garden Centre).

Aiming to have as large a battery as possible for the solar pv system. During discussion, Susie F. mentioned her partner, Jermaine, works for PV panel supplier Solar Edge and meeting agreed that she should invite the company to quote, possibly in return for brand recognition. Paul B. recommended linking hot tank to panels and air source for an integrated system. Pedestrian / vehicle access to the playing field an issue & requires further thought.

Land transfer: The transfer of land from the Holkham Estate is still underway, with further delays now caused by provision of evidence of ownership. After chasing the Holkham Estate solicitors, Graham A. reported an ongoing lack of clarity over the land next to hall as it is currently unregistered. However, Holkham has agreed to cede right to any of the land which might prove to be in its ownership going forward.

Finances & Fundraising update: Invoices sent through by G&M have been met and Graham A. is keeping the Goldcrest Charitable Trust Secretary updated with progress. He reiterated the need to remind any villagers who are yet to donate of the buy-a-brick scheme. Unfortunately Amazon Smile has now closed. Sophie T. reported the Co-op's donation of £500 in Co-op vouchers which members are encouraged to buy from the fund, in return for cash to be transferred to Village Hall funds. Susie F. is preparing the second stage Sheringham Shoal application for submission by 31st March (decision May 11th). The Project Group helped her with ideas for demonstration of use. Unfortunately the Platinum Jubilee Fund is specifically ringfenced for repairs and improvements to existing halls and is not open to applications from new builds. Graham P. has identified NNDC grants for electric power points for cars.

Future marketing: It was agreed that future management & hall hire needs attention. Sub-committee to be formed to oversee this. Carol B. to investigate hire costs of local village halls.

Forthcoming events: An Easter event (craft stalls / activities) will take place in the church on Saturday 8th April, from 10am to 1pm, including Easter egg hunt. Volunteers needed. Please contact Graham & Suki P.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 13 April, 2023 12.15pm. All Saints Church.

The meeting closed at 12pm