

New Village Hall Project Group Meeting

Wednesday 9 March 2022

Venue: All Saints Church by kind permission of the PCC

Minutes

Present: *Village Hall Committee:* George Brett-Reynolds (Chair), David Skinner, Julie Piggott.
Hall Project Advisory Board: Sophie Trend (co-ordinator), Graham Polson, Sarah Hiner, John Harrison, Tina Guillory, Graham Able, Mary Able

Apologies: Barbara Clark, Margaret Brett-Reynolds (*Village Hall Committee*) Sue Harrison, Susie Freeman, Julie Dyson, Susan Polson, Susan Neil, Tony Green, Tom Mitcheson, Tim Green, Lindy Green, Paul Brown, Carol Brown (*Advisory Board*).

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting (dated 25.1.22) were agreed and signed by the Chair. In matters arising, a token of thanks was made to Margaret Brett Reynolds for organising the very successful "Farewell to the Hut" evening on February 5, and to Tim Piggott for his hard work and support in helping the VH Committee clear the hut.

Building Subcommittee update: Graham P. updated the meeting with progress since January 25. Clear-outs took place on Feb 12 and 17 as planned and ongoing sale of hut items from Feb 19, including kitchen units, copper, chairs and timber. Fencing now surrounds the site and the power supply cable change by UK Power Networks is taking place on March 10. Unfortunately the defibrillator can't be transferred until March 20 (village to be alerted about this on Facebook pages).

Planning permission, originally anticipated this week, is unfortunately delayed and the Historic England comments have been accepted by the NNDC. These are likely to incur extra costs and delay. However, on the plus side, progress is eight weeks ahead of schedule so there is time in hand. In the meantime the asbestos survey and drainage test has taken place. While there are a couple of local objections raised on the planning portal, Highways have supported the plans. Accessible toilet plan has been revised to create space for a baby-changing. The meeting thanked Graham A. for his work to date.

Fundraising update: Graham A. reported continued progress with the "Buy-a-Brick" leaflet. A total of 58 named donors have contributed so far and donations now stand at £21,550 with more gift aid to claim. £661 has been raised from VH items sales, with further goods to sell. Online banking is now set up thanks to help from Barbara Clark and George BR. Graham A. urged the Project Group to lead by example and support the funds by buying gift-aided bricks.

George BR has secured the second "Hall for All" sign, along with a fundraising "brick-o-(thermo)meter" by the war memorial to encourage more donations and "£'s raised" updates to be publicised on social media.

Forthcoming events are likely to raise more funds including a Children's Easter Party in the church, the Scarecrow Festival and the Tractor Run on May 8, with a tractor pull and events on the field. A stall to be run by the VH Committee has been booked for Carnival Fete day. Possible donation from Marsham Show which is distributing funds. Collecting buckets to be used at the Jubilee Hog Roast.

Donor Book: Mary A. is in contact with Jenny Lazell regarding a possible wall design. The Project Group agreed the purchase of a book at £20 in which to record donors' names.

AOB: Sharon Fox of the Wighton Children's Group is interested in attending future Village Hall Project Group meetings.

Date for next meetings: Meeting to discuss Project Group liaison with Scarecrows / Crank -up events on Wednesday 23 March 7pm in the church (agenda & minutes organised by Graham P).

VH Project Group progress meeting Thursday 14 April at 7pm in the church (tbc).

The meeting closed at 8.30pm