

TACKLEY VILLAGE HALL

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

18 May 2017

Present: Barbara Vaughan (Chair), Katie Hofman, Pat Rolfe, Les Summers.

Apologies : Doreen Havord, Jan Grimwood, Matt Ollman, Mike Willemite.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Proposed by PR and seconded by BV.

2. Matters arising

- Tables – an additional 4 have been bought, but so far we have not received an invoice. 2 are slightly damaged. BV will chase up the invoice.
- Joel has done the plumbing in the kitchen. BV now knows that the noise in the pipes when the hot water is on is caused by the valve in the hot water tank. This can be adjusted.

3. Finance

- The Ground Source heat pump invoices have been paid. BV is waiting for quotes for the additional radiators, and thereafter will submit to Toe 2, which she is hopeful will be successful.
- Rob will submit a quote for the adjustments to the radiators.
- Rob has been told by Ofgem that as there are old pipes fitted to the new pump it is not eligible for FIT. However BV has a note of a telephone conversation when she was assured that this would not in fact be an issue. As a result, the decision is being appealed and Ofgem are in the process of searching for the record of the discussion.
- BV has spoken to Alan about how to word an invitation to contribute to funding of the GroundSource pump in the light of the successful Gift Aid registration. BV will action something to be put in the newsletter, along the lines of 'The repair of the GroundSource heat pump is now complete, but as many will know, this has seriously depleted our reserves to the extent that we cannot complete the refurbishment of the Hall. In particular we would like to find a way to finish the painting in the Hall, refurbish the bar area and fit blinds to the internal windows. Some people have already made donations to this ongoing work which we have been able to claim a further 25% in gift aid. If there is anyone else who would like to make a donation, however small it may be, we would be delighted to hear from you.'

4. Housekeeping

None.

5. Fundraising

- Gus Night had to be cancelled as too few tickets had been sold. Discussion was held around the idea of requesting a deposit to secure a place, and whether food should be provided. It

was agreed that a deposit scheme would be too complicated to administer, but that the start time could be moved to 8pm and nibbles sold from the bar rather than providing a meal, and that tickets could be sold more cheaply.

- Pop-up pub – BV reported that some villagers were concerned that the pop-up pub might be taking away the trade from the Gardiner's Arms, but may not be aware that it is being run as a joint venture. Martin is preparing a banner that promotes both the Hall and the pub. He will be supplying the float and deal entirely with the money. We will get 25% of the profit, which is a bit less than last year, but we carry none of the risk or the cost expenditure. Food will be our responsibility.

BV had a discussion with Martin about his vision for the pub, and he is keen for it to be a pub for the village; to be a pub that the village wants. He is trying to tie his opening times in with village events such as the Wheelers, Hall events, Quiz Night, Aunt Sally. BV suggested offering him a place on the Committee, and undertook to raise this with both MW and MO who were not at the meeting.

- Wine tasting in the autumn?
- LAS suggested a Gus Night in the summer, where the doors could be opened and people could dance outside. BV will check Gus' availability.
- BV reported that many new mums in the village expressed disappointment that the café is not operational, discussions are under way on running this in the summer months. BV reported that the NEST pension requirements are not an issue of the venture runs for a short period of time. She also advised that a meeting is set up for 30 May to plot out the idea. She advised that she would negotiate with the shop regarding food that would be thrown out – this could be turned into soups and other foods rather than waste. KH suggested that the Love Food Hate Waste aspect could be a good selling point. BV also advised that she has applied to WODC for permission to use her kitchen to prepare this food so that she can cook at home, and expects a reply within the next couple of weeks.
- LAS raised the idea of a Tackley Ball. BV will put feelers out with a few key players – the Laughtons, the Walkers, the Estate, the marquess.

5. AOB

- KH asked about the Minutes being out on the Village website, and BV confirmed that the Charity Commission advised that only the AGM Minutes had to be published, but that it was good practice to publish Minutes on a website. Discussion was held as to whether the AGM Minutes could be published as draft Minutes after the meeting, rather than waiting a whole year before they were ratified for posting.
- PR reported that children were sitting on the roof of both the Hall and the Container. BV to actions a thorny shrub for planting.
- KH asked about the progress with appointing the Charity Commission as Trustees, and BV reported that Liz thinks that the process of putting the papers together should not take more than a couple of hours.
- LAS queried the transfer of MB to self-employment rather than employment, and BV reported that he had had discussions with MW and that both were happy that this was an acceptable way forward.

Date of next meeting : Provisionally booked for 15 June subject to canvassing the other members who were not present at this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 18.50