

MINUTES OF VILLAGE HALL ACTION GROUP MEETING 22 February, 2020

Present: Jen Green, Chris Gildersleeve, Samantha Leader, Margaret Rawlings. Apologies: Tricia Robinson, Lee Holden, Bob and Pam Rowland. Minutes by Chris and Jen.

Finance

As his last action as treasurer, Nick Hughes sent in the accounts for 12 months to 31 Dec 2019. On December 31 our balance was £7,271, but this does not include money owed to the PCC which will be paid soon. We talked about future finances. At present we have a healthy balance, largely due to the 2019 Calendar, which raised £5,000. We may well not produce a calendar again, and are aware that service costs and maintenance will continue to drain finances, to the tune of roughly £3,000 pa. We will therefore need to raise funds to cover running costs, hopefully with some support from Fulking Social Committee, as well as fundraising events. Standing orders bring in £93 pcm at present.

Maintenance

Tricia reported that two hand driers have been installed in the toilets, and the kitchen light replaced.

The north wall storage heater needs repair or replacement. Please could Tricia ask the electrician who did the hand driers to repair or replace this? TR

The tile on the steps is still loose and needs recementing. Jen to ask Mark Wagner if he could please attend to this. JG

Roof insulation

The Green Resolutions meeting in January raised the issue of hall insulation again, and Jen and Samantha agreed to take action on this. We have decided to apply for a grant for this via the PC, but need to get three quotes first. Jen to contact roofer Rick Walker, Samantha to contact the roofer who repaired her roof. Samantha is also liaising with PC clerk Trevor Parsons re grant application. We will need a third quote from another firm, if anyone knows of one could they please contact them for a quote and let us know. JG, SL

National Village and Community Halls Survey. Trevor emailed this long questionnaire to Jen and Tricia, but PC chair Miles Firth has advised it is probably counterproductive and time wasting to fill in the 120 detailed questions, and Jen and Tricia agreed!

South Downs National Park

Tricia emailed the following request: "Please could everyone write to the South Downs National Park, re the review / appraisal of the Fulking Conservation area. In the draft copy, they refer to the village hall as the church hall / parish hall. We need to point out that it is registered as the Village Hall and built as that! We could also request that it is preserved as "a hundred year, post World War One, old building". It is an important part of the social history of this village, and remains our only meeting place." Write to www.southdowns.gov.uk. Details on the hall notice board. **NB Deadline for responses is March 3.**

Events

Tricia reported that the yoga, toddlers and craft groups are going well and continued to bring in funds for the hall. Well done Tricia!

Chris is organising another **Seedling Sunday on 3RD May** from 11am until 2pm. She will grow flowers but will need other folk to contribute vegetable seedlings, and plant cuttings. We will need help on the day

with moving furniture, helping with tea and coffee and of course, baking cakes, please! We will also have a craft and local produce stall with artworks and also jams, chutneys etc for sale. Contributions needed!

AOB

We agreed we should switch to a green energy supplier. Samantha is taking action on this. SL

Nick Hughes, Kate Slavin and Jim and Carolyn Sapsted have now left the village. We thank them for their huge support of the village hall over the years. They will be sorely missed!

Next meeting: Saturday April 18, 9.30 AM