

Lothersdale Village Hall Trust

Registered charity number 1097674

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2023

Members present: Stephen Cohen (Chair), Graham Wadsworth (Treasurer), Kendal Gott, Catherine Gott, Malcolm Willetts, Richard Smith, Jill Hart

Belated apology was received from Gill Hall

1) Minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2023 were approved as a correct record

2) Matters arising:

New rear door: there was no update for a new door. After further inspection and discussion it was agreed that there was no need to replace the door. It was decided a threshold was needed at the bottom of the door and a stripping and painting job needed. To be actioned by Malcolm and Richard.

Window pane replacement: no progress. Andrew Clarke quoted £54 + vat per pane. Further quote to be obtained. To be actioned by Kendal

Male toilets: cost £886.57+ vat. Able to claim 70% back from Parish Trust (Stephen Brown, chairman). Payment and claim back to be actioned by Graham

Grant application for solar power battery: no progress. The Parish Trust entitlement funding could help towards this. (see Treasurer's Report)

3) Treasurer's report: Balance £31, 486.44. Graham stated we are doing okay/paying our way. Currently our energy company is British Gas but not very good. Looking to switch to Octopus Panel Power - business solar tariff (paying 15p per kWh back). Will need to switch to an ordinary account first. The smart meter box will need to be made functional. Graham to do an analysis on energy usage/cost before and after solar panels/battery fitted. Currently all funds in Virgin current account, in process of opening a savings account with Virgin. (4 signatures needed)

4) Trust membership: nobody up for renewal

5) Lease renewal: no update, still awaiting new vicar. If vicar not appointed it would be the decision of the diocese.

7) Club House: responded to our letter but not interested. Could be beneficial to Village Hall if premises let as a business.

8) Any other business: Christmas Fair, Saturday 11 November. Stephen reported a take-up of 14 stalls (£12 per stall).

Young Farmers running the catering.

Stephen has ordered some flyers.

Meeting 8.30am for anyone who wants to help set-up on the Saturday morning.

9) Date of next meeting: Thursday 1 February 2024