

Lothersdale Village Hall Trust

Minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2024

Present

Stephen Cohen (Chair), Graham Wadsworth (Treasurer), Jill Hart (Secretary), Kendal Gott, Catherine Gott, Richard Smith

Apologies

Malcolm Willetts

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 October

These were approved as a correct record

Matters Arising

Rear door: to be actioned by Malcolm and Richard in the Spring/Summer when the weather improves

Windowpane replacement: to be actioned by Malcolm when weather improves

Secure fridge to floor: to be actioned by Malcolm

Change application to Parish Trust from help with new boiler to contribution to male toilets and/or solar power battery:

Agreed to hold fire on new boiler until there is an update on lease renewal.

Jill to write a letter to Clerk of Parish Trust (Stephen Brown) to ask for change of previous approved application to gents lavatory work and a solar power battery pack.

Treasurer's report

Balance - annual accounts completed 31/12/23. Accounts need to be submitted to Charity Commission by Stephen Cohen. Andrew Walker kindly prepared the accounts.

Jill Hart to send a thank you letter and 2 bottles of wine.

Actual balance is now £33,087.08 after Anne Pemberton's cheque was deposited in January. This is the last cheque we will receive from Anne.

There will be a reduction in revenue no longer having Anne as a regular user, but in the coming year, there will be two elections, the Parish Council will now be using the hall for their meeting and there will be a regular dog training session being held in the hall. In addition, a saving will be made by not having the heating on for four mornings a week. All these factors will go some way towards mitigating our loss of income.

A savings account has now been opened with Virgin. However, Virgin term accounts, which pay higher interest are now subject to a minimum deposit of £100,000 for charity accounts. That is not the situation with ordinary business term deposit account and Graham has filed a complaint to Virgin on the basis that they are discriminating against charities. If the matter is not resolved with Virgin, Graham will look to other providers for term accounts.

Electricity Supplier

Graham has switched supplier to Octopus, as they have a Panel Power Tariff which will pay 15p per kWh for energy fed back into the grid. However, they first need to get the smart meter working and they are coming on 12 February to see if they can do this.

Energy Usage Analysis

Graham to forward to Stephen.

Trust Membership, Renewal

Catherine Gott, Gill Hall, Richard Smith and Graham Wadsworth are due for renewal in April. All agreed to renew for a further term except Graham, but he is more than happy to continue as Treasurer.

Lease Renewal

As the church is still awaiting the appointment of a new vicar, this matter remains in abeyance.

Any other business:

- 1) Defibrillator being replaced. Graham to send invoice to clerk of Parish Council.
- 2) It was approved by a vote to approach Malcolm and Janet Booth to invite them to become trustees. Graham or Kendal to action invite.
- 3) Malcolm Smith (works at pub) has offered to organise a charity event for the Village Hall at end of year. It would include something in the afternoon for children and an evening event for adults. All present agreed it was a good idea.
- 4) Stephen to approach North Yorkshire and see if the Village Hall can be registered as a community asset.
- 5) New bulbs needed. Including outside front porch requiring a dusk to dawn bulb/lamp. Kendal to action and ask Lee Ollerenshaw.
- 6) Decided not to further approach Village Club House committee for now.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 6 June 2024