

Lothersdale Village Hall Trust

Minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2024

Present

Stephen Cohen (Chair), Graham Wadsworth (Treasurer), Jill Hart (Secretary),
Catherine Gott, Gill Hall, Richard Smith, Malcolm Willetts

1) Apologies

Kendal Gott

2) Minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2024

These were approved as a correct record

3) Matters Arising

Rear door - **ongoing**, windowpane replacement - **ongoing**, secure fridge to floor –**ongoing**.
All to be actioned by Kendal and Catherine

Replacement ladders: **Richard to buy and send invoice to Graham - Completed**

4) Street Lighting to be fitted to Village Hall – no longer needed

5) Job Allocations

Jill to clean windows / sweep yard

Malcolm/Richard to clean VH floor

(Stephen to demonstrate how to operate floor cleaning machine)

Richard to buy a yard brush, weed killer

Stephen to buy hand wash / washing-up liquid

Oil tanker monitor in VH - Graham to ask Michael Pickard

6) £15,000 Donation (in memory of Jonathan Gott)

Jonathan's widower has been asking if there had been any progress on the money being spent.

Catherine and Kendal proposed a garden area with seating in the yard at side and front of VH.

Richard to get someone to give a rough quote and pricing costs.

7) Water - Yorkshire water don't test for hardness or iron. Treatment normally done at borehole but residents don't join together.

Need pricing for unit to soften water and reduce iron and manganese. Had a quote from Springbore but awaiting Graham to get a quote from his supplier, Prosep. They will come to have a look when in area, coming soon.

8) Treasurer's report

Balance **£46,058.74** as of 31/10/2024

Graham reported Bank Accounts doing much better with a good return on money.

Now getting a higher interest rate with Virgin.

Electricity – Smart Meter still not working with Octopus. Trying to work on a solution - **ongoing**

9) Trust membership

Stephen to put an invite out via Facebook

10) Lease renewal

Gill Hall suggested it was best to leave the past alone and move forward.

The PCC will not sell the VH. It is now the only place for village events after losing The Club House. If there was nobody to run the VH the church would take over. There would be rent to pay as part of the new lease £150 per year, then the church would pay for the maintenance of the water borehole.

The lease expires March 31 2027.

Gill suggested a meeting with Lynne Cramman, Stephen and herself to discuss the way forward regarding the lease. Gill will organise the meeting. JH to write to Lynne Cramman (PCC) with a formal invite.

11) Any other business

Christmas Fair, 16 stalls taken. Update - money raised from fair for VH £275

Catherine recommended we don't charge the family who live at Rowan House for the use of the VH on Christmas Day due to them putting the wheelie bins out each week. It was agreed to waive the hire fee.

12) Date of next meeting

Thursday 13 February 2025