

# ENFORD RECREATION GROUND AND VILLAGE HALL TRUST

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY 12 JUNE 2023 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: Judy D'Arcy Irvine, Hannah Tucker, David Spencer, Hamish Scott-Dalgleish, Jane Young, Jackie Elkins Apologies: Anthony D'Arcy-Irvine

The Minutes of the Meeting of 28 February 2023 proposed by David Spencer, seconded by Hannah Tucker. The Minutes were approved.

### 1. Matters Arising

- i) Banking Online. No further progress with regard to a visit to the HSBC branch in Salisbury.
- ii) Smart Thermostats: HSD explained that he would contact the Post Office to get a formal address for the village hall which would then allow for a provider to offer a broadband connection.
- iii) Damage by Hirers: Most of the monies from previous damage have been received with one outstanding invoice of £158 for locksmith repairs. Judy will chase again.
- iv) The new contractors for gardening and cleaning are working out well.
- v) Blocked drains and over charging. Resolved without too great a burden on resources following perseverance identifying the problem and reporting the over charging, which had been repaid to the village hall.
- vi) New cookers installed and old ones removed at a very reasonable price negotiated with Whirlpool, the owner of Hotpoint.
- vii) Film Club still running but attendance disappointing possibly as a result of the choice of films. Hugo Vickers' talks are well received. The possibility of broadband might offer more choice of films and less expense. The new licence, which costs less than the previous one, allows for live streaming from theatres as well.
- viii) There has been a further incident of damage. The folding seat attached to the tiled wall in the shower area of the disabled loo has been detached from the wall with damage to tiles and fixings. The cause probably someone jumping on it or someone very heavy! Unfortunately as the damage was not found until a few days before the meeting it is very difficult to prove who caused it. The committee made a 'field trip' to examine the damage. Judy and David will try and find a builder/workman to carry out the repairs with the possibility the wall would be re-tiled but the seat could be removed altogether as it is not used.
- ix) There was a general discussion about damages by hirers, and one group in particular. Judy has been monitoring the group more carefully and each time there is a problem she has highlighted it to the group which is trying to 'abide by the rules'. They bring in some good income, have generally paid for repairs, and it is hoped damages will decrease as they want to continue to use the hall. It is however time consuming for the committee dealing with problems, finding workmen and getting repairs done.
- x) It is hoped that Alexis Mitchell-Rowe may be able to help with administration and Judy will approach her again to see how much time she can give the village hall.

### 2. Treasurer's Report

Hannah had prepared updated accounts for the period 1 July 2022 to 11 June 2023 which showed a deficit of £1,061.54 but this included expenditure on the new cookers. Although income was up on the same period last year expenses had increased considerably especially repairs and renewals, including shutter repairs. Electricity had doubled together with an increase in cleaning costs. Cost of licences, which include the Premises Licence, Hallmaster, and film licence, had also increased.

### **3. Chairman's Report**

i) Shutters: South West Doors in Westbury is due to visit the hall to arrange a quotation for fitting sensors to vulnerable windows and doors to stop shutters being operated if windows and/or doors are left open or ajar. Each time this happens the cost of a visit with repairs is over £350. Although sometimes the hirer responsible for the damage owns up and pays for the repair, it is often difficult to identify and prove who the people concerned are. (Post meeting: SW Doors due to visit week of 17 July)

ii) Car Park Light on Pole: The Committee discussed the matter again and agreed the additional lighting was required for the safety of all visitors. Still waiting for Nathan Abbott to visit to adjust the light slightly downwards.

### **4. Club Reports**

Short Mat Bowls, Junior Football, Gardening Clubs all going well. From September the Gardening Club is moving to a Tuesday from Thursday which frees up all Thursday evenings for another regular booking. The Newsletter is holding its AGM in the Hall on 17 August. No charge is made to the Newsletter for the AGM as a thank you for publishing Village Hall articles and information.

### **5. Grounds / Maintenance**

Hamish Scott-Dalgleish reported rabbits a continuous problem and issue. No further progress on control had been made. He will chase James Last who had offered to help.

### **6. Future Projects**

- i) Sunpipes: Further research required.
- ii) Maintenance: Quote needed to paint doors and window frames with Sadolin.
- iii) Remote control Smart Thermostats / BT Broadband Connection. Ongoing.
- iv) Sensors on windows and doors ref Roller Shutters – SW Doors to quote

### **7. Future Events**

i) Fireworks 28 October 2023: Hamish had obtained a quotation for public liability for Enford Community (EC) He will email the information to Chris Rose together with details of charges payable and comments about responsibility for damage to the field. Hannah raised the question as to whether EC would qualify for liability cover. A discussion followed about EC lack of accountability and questions about its status. There was concern that ultimate responsibility in the event of a claim might rest with the village hall.

ii) Remembrance Sunday Lunch 12 November 2023: Judy again organising in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund

### **8. Any Other Business**

Judy reported a Sunday Football Club had made enquiries about using the hall changing rooms and pitch next season. (Post meeting: The Club did not follow up on the booking as reluctant to cover cleaning charges for changing rooms)

### **9. Next Meetings**

2023: 18 July, 26 September (AGM) and 21 November

2024: 20 February, 21 May, 23 July, 24 September (AGM) and 19 November