

Ordinary Meeting

26 October, 2022 7pm Venue – Alice's place

Agenda & Minutes

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence

Brian was unable to attend; his input was provided via John.

3. Minutes – September meeting – approved.
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5. Matters arising from September meeting - Nothing arising that isn't already covered in the agenda for this month's meeting
6. Reports
 - a. Refurbishment update: a focus on spend/funding, specification and orders, progress, schedule of works

Over the coming weeks we will try and ascertain a target date for completion, taking into account the various works completion dates and funding achieved. We can then have an opening event to celebrate.

Various elements of the ongoing refurbishment were discussed, including continuing to place an order for the ceiling work to continue. Timings were discussed: we expect the electrical work to commence soon.

We are looking to apply for grants for the kitchen work, and in the meantime style and finish is being researched, as is the flooring too.

- b. Grant application progress

Grant application progress is going well. A number of different grants are being applied for in relation to various refurbishment needs including kitchen, male and female toilets (better sanitary ware and layout), and thermal efficiency.

Other 'green'/sustainability aspects are also being researched, because we'd like to start considering the village hall in relation to the future, given the various challenges being faced currently with fuel crisis, and also the impact on the planet. To this end, a sustainability subcommittee will be formulated.

For our review ongoing, a progress report has been devised so that we can plan as far as possible in terms of the various routes being investigated.

- c. Communications

Next month's update will have a 'virtual' wall communicated via the website (early December). The Communications team (we are particularly grateful to Ali and Alice in terms of the hours contributed this month) continue to do a great job at sharing news around the village. Timings of major works date will be communicated very soon.

We'd love to have further brick purchases, donations, and sponsorships from within the village, given that we've been able to secure such great contributions from friends and family who live elsewhere.

d. Treasurer

Please review the Treasurer Reports available via the website. We still have a funding gap in terms of various aspects of refurbishment that we'd like to support.

A Fund-raising suggestion from a villager that the winter fuel allowance has been donated to the village hall was discussed. The kind suggestion was borne from an effort to make a warm environment for people to congregate. A warm evening could be created, similar to a 'talking hub' evening.

7. Constitution review news / updates / Acre membership

No news to report, due to efforts being focused on our refurbishment, other than Ali has been working to pull together photos for prosperity. More work to be done on that over the coming months, based from the archive material provided from Robert and Leila in handover.

8. AOB

The handover document (via letter) will be sought from the Parish Council.

A villager has generously donated a piano on a permanent loan basis.

Some Lavender plants have also been kindly donated for the borders. These will be planted in Spring time.

There are some access covers (maintenance holes) that need replacing in time.

Floor and kitchen samples are in the process of being chosen. Kitchen layouts are being devised.

Internal wall painting will be conducted by volunteers, working at floor level, with rollers.

A roller-style hatch will be investigated, in terms of costs.

9. Date of next meeting – November 22nd 7pm – Alice's place