

WHOLTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting on Thursday 14th September 2023

Prepared by	Roz Blacklock
Distribution of Minutes	Email
Committee Members Present	Gillian Connolly (Treasurer), Mary Stastny (Chairman), Roz Blacklock (Secretary) George Stastny, Frederick & Jane Robineau, Howard Haughton
Volunteers and visitors	Ann Woodward. Ann Young. Shirley Smith. Linda Alderson. Christine Catterson

Agenda Item	Person/Action
1. Introduction: MS as Chairman welcomed everyone	
2. Declarations of Interest: GS Parish Council .MS	
3. Apologies: Peter & Michelle Bigge, Rod Dawson, Liz Treadway David Catterson	
4. Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved and signed	
5. Matters Arising: Finances GC Reported Funds in a good condition, though there were some Big Ticket Items such as Payment for Oil, and the four yearly Electrical Survey were due to be paid in Dec and January. She also stressed that regular events should be encouraged to bring in a regular income stream. Village Hall Management MS stated that the installation of Blinds by FR had improved the warmth within the hall and the new screen was already being put to good use. Thanks to FR for the purchase and installation of both. It had been brought to the attention of the committee that the WI had difficulty when setting up the tables and chairs for their monthly meetings. CC said this was due to the older age of the members and asked if it was possible to leave some chairs around the sides of the hall to make them more accessible. This was not thought to be practical. GC said that there was Public Liability Insurance cover in place After discussion. It was agreed that FR's suggestion that a trolley system under the stage might be the way forward.	

<p>FR to investigate further. AW as a member of the WI said any help in this regard would be welcomed. RB noted that we had a duty of care to Hall users.</p>	FR
<p>GS asked for a key to be made available for the use of the Parish Council. This was agreed. Jane Robineau to provide key.</p>	JR
<p>MS reported that she had received a request for a New Village Telegraph Whats App group to be set up for the use of all villagers. Agreed. MS to organise but will retain WVCA group Whatsapp.</p>	MS
<p>Past Events <i>African Night</i> This was agreed to have been a great success, however HH suggested that at future events there should not have a free drink included in the ticket price to increase the profitability of events. Agreed.</p>	
<p><i>Tree Planting</i> MS requested that the secretary send a formal letter of thanks to Peter & Michelle Bigge for the donation of The Copper Beech tree.</p>	RB
<p><i>Future Events</i> Christmas Tree on The Green. Sunday 3rd Dec 6 pm. FR & GS to collect tree. 11am on Dec 3rd HH & FR to put lights on Tree. Braziers to be provided by MS, PB and J&FR. Everyone asked to bring Mince Pies. MS & RB to provide sausage rolls. MS to provide Mulled Wine. SS suggested that some modern festive songs could be sung. MS to look into provision of music for the night.</p>	GS & FR HH & FR ALL MS MS
<p><i>Dixon County Folk Band.</i> MS confirmed booking.</p>	
<p><i>Castle Players</i> "The River Line" is to be performed on the 4th 5th & 6th April 2024. The Players were given permission to paint the back wall of the hall. JR said that a booking form needed to be completed by a representative of Castle Players. MS to organise.</p>	MS
<p>Further ideas for Events GC offered to give a talk on Russia, this was gratefully accepted. Suggested date Sunday 25th February. Afternoon tea to be served at 4pm. The talk to start at 2.30pm lasting approx. 50mins + Questions. GC to split her fee with a Ukrainian Charity.</p>	GC

<p><i>Craft Class</i> HH said that LT willing to hold a mixed Craft Class on a Wednesday afternoon. Anyone interested to contact Liz so that interest can be gauged.</p> <p><i>Next Coffee Morning</i> An Xmas raffle will be held, any donations will be gratefully received - to be dropped off with RB & LT.</p> <p><i>Monthly Pub Night</i> GS proposed the above as a social gathering for the village to include entertainment such as Dominoes, A Quiz and Music. Pie and Pea supper as well as a Bar for £5 a head as a trial run. RB & LT to purchase wine and Beer. Suggested date 20th January 2024 at 7.30pm To be advertised in Village Telegraph.</p>	<p>RB / LT</p>
<p>Any Other Business Phillip Tallantyre reassured everyone that the Memorial bench will be back in place soon.</p> <p>RB proposed a vote of thanks to GS for all the extra work he does on behalf of The Village unasked, saying that it was greatly appreciated.</p>	

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 11th January 2024