

Darsham Village Hall Management Committee

Minutes of meeting 14th April 2021 19:00

PRESENT: Keith Rolfe (Chairman - **KR**), Katherine MacIntosh (Secretary – **KM**), Jill Edwards (**JE**), Paul Diamond (Treasurer- **PD**), Annie McPhail – **AM**, Michael Shipp (**MS**)

1. **APOLOGIES:** Heather Ballantine

2. **Vote on moving forward to install extra panel heaters:**

- **KR** has spoken to the gentleman who is going to be putting in the extra 4 heaters, to bring us up to the correct standard. **KR** asked him if he could put in 4 fan heaters instead. These would heat the Hall up more quickly and as soon as the required temperature was achieved the other heaters would cut out. There was some discussion as to whether these would be more expensive to run even though they would be cheaper to purchase in the first instance. He will also split the heating controls. We agreed that we would wait until we had a quote for the fans and make a final decision then.

3. **Update on the Darsham History Records:**

- **KR** has met with Barry Norman, who is overseeing the siting of these records. The records comprise of 20 A4 folders and various other booklets. The Darsham Town Trust has offered to pay for a cabinet to house them in the cupboard at the northern end of the Hall. This cupboard will be lockable. We all agreed that the archive should go in the Hall.

4. **Response to the letter received from Angus Bates' solicitor:**

- **KR** has put together his own thoughts and responses to the letter which was mailed out to all of us. He firmly believes that we do not need go to the solicitors again and that we should try and resolve it without doing so.
- **JE** made a suggestion: we pay him nothing and get on with doing the jobs ourselves using our own money. In other words, walk away from this impasse. She asked what people thought about that.
- **KR** said that the required sound panels have been specifically designed to solve the issue we have in the Hall. He thought it was unlikely that Angus Bates would pay for them due to the price.
- **KM** asked what the negatives would be to walking away. They would seem to be that Angus Bates would not finish any of the remaining jobs he still has to complete.
- **PD** made a proposal that he would come up with a template for a discussion with Sunbury Homes and a meeting with representatives from The Trustees and SH. We could all then add to it anything we felt was to be included and try to organise a meeting. This meeting would be minuted by both parties, the minutes would be

agreed at the end of the meeting. We would then ask our solicitor to produce an A4 sheet outlining what had been agreed and all parties would sign it. We agreed that Paul would investigate at this further.

5. AOB:

- **PD** asked if we could authorise the purchase of a bottle of wine for Chris Fox, who audited our accounts. We all agreed.
- **KR** asked if we would authorise a couple of extra items for the WiFi installation. These comprised of a lockable cabinet to secure the valuable HiFi equipment in the south storage cupboard, and cabling needed to provide Internet-enabled heating and lighting switches in the north cupboard. This was agreed.
- **PD** confirmed that the construction of two boules courts would start on 15th March.
- **KR** asked that thanks were recorded for Peter in 10 Cheney Green for spraying the weeds around the Hall.
- **JE** asked that all minutes should be signed off at our next meeting as they had taken place via Zoom.

6. Date of next meeting: Friday 30th April at 2.30pm at the Village Hall