

## Darsham Village Hall Management Committee

### Minutes of meeting 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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

**The meeting took place on Zoom and was hosted and chaired by Paul Diamond**

**1. APOLOGIES:** Michael Shipp

**2. Petanque Courts:**

- **PD** feels that we should go ahead with the courts and other works as soon as possible.
- We have a significant balance in our bank accounts, including a grant for £600 to be used for the construction of the courts. **PD** has been turned down for a couple of grant applications because of the amount of money we have.
- Section 106 grants require 3 quotes. **Alex Cox** has given us a very favourable quote (mates rates) therefore **PD** thinks it would be a waste of our time to set about looking for other quotes.
- **Michael Shipp** let it be known that he is not in favour of spending money at the moment, when our income was non- existent. **JE** said she feels we should get on with it; a vote was taken and it was agreed by all present that we should set the wheels in motion.
- **KR** said that we should ask for a detailed quote from **AC** so that we knew exactly what we were paying for. This means that if we wanted to try and get some money back from Angus Bates we would be able to itemise specific amounts, like the fencing.
- **AM** asked how many courts we were getting. Since the meeting, we have been told that there will be 2.

**3. Update from Keith Rolfe:**

- The electrician is going to insert 4 more heating units on the ceiling of the Hall, hopefully by the end of the month. This would bring our heating up to the correct level.
- It has been challenging to get a price for sound units for the Hall. A quote for £3200 has finally been given. We will not go ahead until we hear from litigation, regarding chasing up Angus Bates.
- **KR** spoke to ACRE regarding Safeguarding regulations. They are really geared up with companies in mind and not to support Trustees (see separate email)

- **KR** was able to confirm that we are able to get insurance for the fete. **HB** was keen to get on and start to organise something, at least set a date aside. There was a lot of organisation to do to get the whole thing rolling. **JE** said that she thinks we should keep it simple in view of the situation with coming out of a lockdown. **KM** suggested going for something like a Village Day with a picnic and a few attractions. **KR** agreed and said that we could always upgrade it nearer the time depending on circumstances. **PD** thinks we should set a date and then give more consideration to what we might do at another meeting.  
**JE** thought it might be a good opportunity for all the other village groups to get involved in some way. **PD** suggest that everyone should think about some ideas and a suggested date. It was agreed that this would be a good idea and that we should send our thoughts to Heather as soon as possible.  
**JE** said that she liked the idea of a “Walk in Market” and that we should keep that in mind for another year.

**The meeting closed at 6.45pm**