

Buckland Brewer Hall Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2020 via Zoom

Present: Roger Walter, David Watson, Steve Harding, Kevin Lobb, Dawn Dziurzynski, Barbara Babb, Jo Miles, Trevor Mills, Betty Banks, Richard Watson.

1. Apologies: Barry Noakes, Robin Davies.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 August 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

3. Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda:

None.

4. Correspondence:

The Secretary reported that Parish Council had received an email regarding electric charging points. They had referred it on to the Hall as it is probably the best place to accommodate such a facility. It was agreed that the Secretary would pursue the matter.

5. Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer had provided a summary of the final position for the year ending 30 September 2020 and of the latest financial position.

The 2019/20 showed that we made a surplus of £11,288 on the hall account. The main reason for this being the £10,000 grant from the Government and the legacy received. This sum will be required to help finance the running costs during the current financial year. The fundraising account had a surplus of £1,307.

In the current financial the year hall account, has paid the deposit for the new sound and lighting systems and general maintenance and running costs. We have received a donation from the plant sale and a grant towards the higher output electricity circuit in the kitchen.

Current balances stand at £116,250.40 for the village hall account, £6,117.26 for the fundraising account and £770.65 for the equipment reserve.

6. Re-opening of the Hall

The secretary updated the committee on the latest advice from ACRE. The "Rule of six" did not mean that only six people could use the hall, but that people could not cluster in groups of more than six. However this would mean that there could be no interaction between those groups. It would be necessary for people to wear masks at all times unless unsafe or impractical to do so.

The hall has its own QR code for the NHS Covid 19 app. Organisers of all user groups would need to operate "Track and Trace" procedures to comply with the law.

The school is still considering whether to use the hall. It is concerned that it may not be able to clean the hall to maintain Covid security. Dave will check the positions at the next Governors meeting. To date no group has used the hall since the re-opening.

7. Fundraising & future events:

Dawn reported that she had attended the Zoom meeting for Beaford Arts. We had provisionally booked a socially distance pantomime performance. However the date agreed

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was very soon after a pantomime performance organised by the school, so the Beaford Arts one has been cancelled.

8. AGM

The AGM is due to be held in November, but the suggested date clashes with the History Group AGM. It was agreed to hold it via Zoom on Monday 16 November. The Secretary will arrange for it to be advertised on the website, in the Village Scene and on posters. Dave will put it on the community Facebook page.

9. Coach and Horses Planning Application

The planning application and press article cites the hall having a bar licence as one of the main reasons that has affected the pubs trade and could replace the facilities offered by the pub. The committee dispute these claims and the Secretary is to write to the planning authority countering these. He will also write to the paper, but there is no guarantee that it will be published.

10. AOB

Steve announce that he was moving away from the area and would not continue as secretary after the AGM. The fitting of the outside light is still awaited, but the electrician is aware of the delay. The repairs in the kitchen have not taken place and the chef is arranging for someone else to undertake the work. He will then arrange for the cooker and kitchen to be cleaned. The Chair thanked everyone who had helped with the redecoration of the hall and its improved appearance.

11. Date of next meeting:

Next meeting Monday 16 November and AGM.

Future meetings TBC.

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