**Ashwick & Oakhill Village Hall Minutes**

**Monday 05 September 2022 7:00 PM**

**Present:**

Kim, Tim, Caroline, Chris, Andy S, David T, David S, Kate

Apologies: Andy N, Martin, Laura

Minutes of Committee Meeting Monday 01 August 2022 – Approved.

Introductions and welcome to David and Kate Simons on their first committee meeting. We hope to see them again at future meetings and welcome their input today.

**GOVERNANCE**

Hallmark Accreditation

Hallmark Levels 2 & 3 – confirmation that the decision from last meeting to postpone the assessment means that this will now probably take place in 2023

**FINANCE**

Treasurers Report

Closing balance for end of August - £48,725.61

Main Payments in August: Builders costs £7.7k, Fire Alarm & annual maintenance £3.3k

Income: Receipt of £1k from proceeds of 2022 Village Festival

Grant Applications/Receipts

Claim has been submitted for £10k grant that was awarded with conditions

**BOOKINGS**

Bookings Secretary Report – see attached

Discussion around future events and how to encourage bookings.

Suggestions included pamper evening and wreath making. Andy S to contact the previous person who held wreath-making sessions several years ago.

**REJUVENATION**

Phase 1 - Cafe/Kitchen

Progress in August has been a little quieter due to holidays but doors have now been fitted.

Discussion over painting of the outside of the building – especially the new wall where the garage door was previously. Builders to be asked for a price.

Grill between Kitchen and Seating area to be addressed

Discussion about café furniture – potential to buy pre-used rather than new if possible – from a discontinued business or café closure

Launch event / date to be discussed at the next meeting

Phase 2 – extension with changing rooms – on hold

**MARKETING**

Beacon Magazine – Feature on Bowls club (NB after the meeting this was cancelled due to illness of Chris Sully – to be included next month). Save the date for Christmas Market and Halloween Event

**FUNDRAISING**

**Halloween Children’s event** – date TBC

**Xmas Market –** 3rd December. Alcohol stall on sale or return has been agreed

**Oakhill’s Got Talent** – tbc – next Spring/Opening Ceremony?

**Black Tie Event** – possibly May 2023.

**FACILITIES / MAINTENANCE**

**Playground**

ROSPA inspection results received – were not discussed in detail

Seesaw – now completely broken. Can we remove the broken element in the interest of safety? Has been sectioned off with cones.

**Parking line painting**

Awaiting dates from contractor – now expected to have call about this 6/9/22

**Other**

Noted that 2 (possibly 3) of the gates to the field are in need of repair.

Broadband: The Wi-Fi is still not working correctly – Action Andy N to contact supplier (Truespeed) to resolve. Noted that Wi-Fi will be required for the Xmas Market stallholders to take card payments.

Question over whether this remains FoC forever or a certain period of time

**ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES**

The trees planted round the Rec need the grass removing from the bases – agreed to speak to Sally & Justin to see if they have time to help, and to start with tree #4 which is showing signs of ill-heath

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Andy S asked members of the committee to watch the mailbox as he is away for 1 week

Caroline to respond to the email we received from a villager offering free Office furniture, requesting pictures to see if this can be of use for us

NEXT VHC MEETING – Tuesday 4th October 2022 7pm



**Ashwick & Oakhill Village Hall Bookings Review**

**Regular Bookings Update**

* Tai Chi (Jo Webb) – Weekly (Mon pm)
* Yoga (Min Roberston) – Two classes per week (Tue am & Thur evening)
* Ukrainian Support Drop In – Weekly (Tue 1030-1200)
* Indoor Bowls (Chris Sully) – Weekly (Tue 1400-1600)
* Parish Council – Monthly (usually Weds evening)
* Pilates (Kelly Lewis) – Weekly (Thur evening)
* Pawsitive Life Puppy Class (Ieuan Hudson) – Weekly (Mon or Weds evening)
* East Mendip Gardening Club – Monthly (Tue evening)
* Oakhill & Ashwick Local History Group – Monthly (Wed evening)

**Football**

* Strong interest from Wells FC Colts (U14) in long term pitch hire.
	+ 10-15 matches per season (Sat pm) + Thursday evening daylight training.
	+ £25/match + £10/training session = £550-£675/year (guess).
	+ Next step – Awaiting Wells FC reps to arrange visit to our facilities.

**One-Off Bookings (some way off…)**

* **October 2023 - South West Folk, Song and Dance Group**
* This section of the Camping and Caravanning Club (folk dancing, poetry, singing) have booked the hall facilities for 4 evenings (630pm to 10pm) from **Thursday 5th – Sunday 8th October 2023.** Contact is Bernadette Thorne.
* The group will stay at Oakhill Camping & Caravanning (Mandy Alvis).

**Future One-Off Bookings (August to October)**



* Equine Students (Liz Tyrrell-Asprey) – Thurs 15th Sep
* Wells & Mendip Astronomers (Hugh Allen) *–* Sat 17th Sep
* Canine Physio (Liz Tyrrell-Asprey) – Sat 18th Sep
* Canine Rehab (Liz Tyrrell-Asprey) – Sat 24th Sep
* Birthday party (Sarah Lambourne-Wills) – Sun 25th Sep



* Birthday party (Shonda Powell) – Sat 22nd Oct



* Equine Massage (Liz Tyrrell-Asprey) – Thurs 17th Nov
* Canine Massage (Liz Tyrrell-Asprey) – Sat 26th Nov