Thurlestone Parish Hall Committee Jubilee Meeting Minutes

Monday 15 August 2022, 4.30pm

Present:

Alison Daily	Vice Chair	Sian Hodges	Parochial Church
Karen Barker	Secretary	Sue Dwyer	Horticultural
Lisa White	Treasurer / Bridge	Mike Stickland	Village Voice
Chris White	Maintenance		

Agenda Item		Action	
1.	Apologies		
	Diane Martin	Bookings	
	Alastair Durden	Co-opted Member	
	Viv Gibby	Friend of Parish Hall	
	Dave Gibby	Friend of Parish Hall	
	Jo May	Friend of Parish Hall	
	Saffron Craig	Keep Fit Facebook	
	Lynsey Sizer Lucy Pannel-Woodward	Co-opted Member	
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2.	Minutes of previous meeting The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23 May 2022 were signed and agreed and the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 July were signed		
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3.	Action Log See action log for updates and new actions.		
4.	Autumn Fair – 1 st October		
	We only have 6 traders on board. Only 1 of these came through our Facebook page and only because a trader's daughter saw it, not the trader herself. One came from personal contact via Karen. One has come at Dave/Viv's suggestion, Usborne Books. I contacted her direct but had to encourage here to join us. Books are heavy and she doesn't want to lug		
	them around and not make any sales. The fact that I said Sue Durant was guiding us seems the thing that made her say yes. The other 3 came from		

	situation – would we get enough footfall. There are so many if and buts to know what's best to do. I'd like to do ait but only if we can do it properly, give the traders a good day and ourselves a chance to build up a reputation and do it again. My suggestion would be to cancel it this year, go to Sue's fair in November and actual chat to the dealers to see if they would come to ours. And remember, Sue's fair will be for charity – another draw. Re selling of raffle tickets, I haven't asked Sue about her pre-fair sales. I haven't seen her, think she's on holiday, and I'm always throwing questions at her. If she was selling ordinary raffle tickets at work we know she would have been doing that illegally and that's not what we should do. If she had them pre- printed she would need to know the raffle prizes beforehand. The traders say they will donate a prize to the raffle but we don't know what we'll be getting until the day.	
	Decision made to cancel and look at holding in the spring.	
	Diane to contact those traders already signed up to advise of the cancellation	Diane / Lisa
	and arrange refunds.	
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	Speaker events U3A do them regularly, might be worth speaking to the secretary to see whether they are successful. Karen to speak to the U3A secretary. Events must appeal to both sexes. Sian advised that the church had previously organised a couple of speakers; David Grose who did a talk on sea life saving and Will Hodgson who sailed a wayfarer around the uk in 18 days.	Karen
	Karen to add these event topics to the questionnaire	Karen
6.	Weddings – Table & Chair bookings	
	Tables like ours hire for between 1-7 days for around £6.30 ex vat. Chairs for the same period are about £1.60. I've been doing the bookings for nearly 10 years now and the price has never changed. Think it was the same in Judith's time. Back then we were getting parties hiring the hall including tables and chairs.	
	The latest thing seems to be to hire all our tables and most of the chairs and hold the party elsewhere. I don't know where these items are going or how they will be used once they are off the premises. I ask that any trailer used to transport them be clean, so far we've had to sweep the trailers out which makes me worry how well our furniture is going to be treated. I'm not thinking about Rosalind Spears. We know exactly where she's taking them and know they will be used carefully.	
	Replacement cost for our tables is around £86.40 each and for 8 chairs £195. Presumably we should have some form of hire agreement too if we are going to be willing to let so many items out in one go.	
	Alison proposed that we should also require a security deposit of around £200. It was agreed that we should increase the rates for Weddings or other large non community based hires and have a hire agreement. It was agreed due to us not delivering/collecting the tables and chairs we should charge less than the normal commercial rate. Mike suggest 75% of the commercial rate.	
	Diane to come to next meeting with proposal on new rates and draft hire agreement. Karen to assist.	Diane / Karen
7.	Finance Report	
	Quarter 2 Income	

	1. Deposit Account Interest – a quarterly interest payment of £97.51 has been added.	
	Quarter 3	
	 Income 1. Events Income – We have received bookings from 3 stall holders. 2. Katie Hurrell hired 100 chairs @ 20p per chair = £20 and 20 tables @ £2 per table = £40. 	
	 Expenses 1. Caretaker Costs – 6 weeks @ £45 per week = £270 2. Telephone and Internet – 2 months @ £31.96 per month = £63.92 3. Electricity – 2 months @ £148 per month = £296. However, we have recently read the electricity meter which produced a new bill and we are £251.19 in debit. EDF will collect this shortfall on August 26th. Our monthly direct debit will increase to £159 from September. 4. Repairs – Dart Fire Protection did the Annual Alarm and Lights Service at a cost of £73.63 	
	Current Account: £34795.10 Deposit Account: £53748.96 Money to be banked £Nil. I now have a card to pay cash in at the Post Office.	
	Used 5000kw of electricity since feb. Chris is concerned as the usage is very high and he is unhappy with how much the meter is registering for usage. Proposal is to purchase a clamp meter which will measure every usage source and hopefully identify the source of the issue. To be raised at meeting with Mike Bone and Paul Martin on the 24 August.	Chris
	Recently the air handling unit was running when no one had been in the hall, which shouldn't happen and is concerning.	
	Lisa advised that the lady who previously had run the earlier martial arts session is not responding to contacts and currently owes £56.	
8.	Maintenance Report Report from Chris:	
	Mike raised the question of a storage battery for the solar panels. Chris to add to agenda for meeting on 24 August.	Chris
	Chris advised that he had found someone to do the hedges.	

	TV in the Yeo room is still not working unless with a cable. The previous contractor is not responding to contact so Chris is looking for alternative audio visual contractors.	
	Still waiting for the Electrical completion certificate.	
	Mike requested if it is possible to have automatic lights in both the Ladies and Gents. Chris to add to the agenda for the meeting on 24 August.	
9.	AOB	
	Commemorative bench – Karen to explore options for a composite bench. Mike advised there is a company at Tor Quarry who make benches using recycled plastic.	Karen
	A Tree is not an option due to the landscape. Sian advised that due to some trees having to be removed at the church that they are in discussion with the Parish Council and having a tree being planted at church to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee.	

The meeting closed at 5.35pm.

Next Meeting	
Monday 26 September 2022 @ 4.30pm	Yeo Room

Signed	
Date	

Vice Chairman