

# THURLESTONE PARISH HALL

Minutes of Zoom committee meeting held

18 January 2021, 4.30pm

**PRESENT:** A Daily (Secretary), S Dwyer, D Martin, C & L White (Treasurer)

**1. Apologies:** P Crawford, V Hodder, N Hurrell, J Le Grice, P Macdonald, M Stickland and S Woodford

**2. Minutes** of meeting held 30 November agreed and will be signed at a later date.

### **3. Events for 2021**

As we don't know if and when the lockdown will be lifted, so are unsure when the hall can re-open, we will delay making any plans until after our next committee meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> April when, hopefully, the position will be clearer. Despite the rollout of the vaccines, there is still uncertainty as precautions will still need to be taken. There may be a chance some sort of event could take place towards the end of the year, Tim Kliphaus was contacted by Judith and has pencilled us in if all goes well. Some classes or clubs could restart before then, the hall is ready for when the need arises.

### **4. Treasurer's Report.**

The Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet for 2020 were sent to all committee members. Since the last meeting on November 30<sup>th</sup> the following activity has taken place:

Paul Martin was paid £31.95 for a 7-day 3KW Electronic Fused Timer Spur Switch.

£240 was received from Luke Adams for the sale of some lighting equipment, the most valuable piece is yet to be sold, now is not the right time, but hopefully will be later in the year. A donation of £1334 was received from South Hams District Council and another application has been placed for further grants. Their application process has been simplified so now you just apply and wait. The Feed-in-Tariff was good and generated £394.87. The WI hired the Main Hall for 1 hour on December 16<sup>th</sup> generating £7.

### **7. Maintenance Committee Report.**

The new electrical meter is something Chris wished he'd never started as though it is working properly in registering the amount of electricity generated it is now charging double for everything else. They are trying to locate a test meter to find out why but this is proving difficult and is rather annoying.

Tony did communicate about carrying out the PAT testing but then Lockdown hit so is on hold once again.

Chris' colleagues on the Maintenance Committee suggested more should be done with the Wi-Fi system, so he spent hours testing the screen in the Yeo room. The Wi-Fi is connected by the router access point but the screen by cable which confuses the system, so it has to be forced to connect. It connects straightaway when using Apple technology which suggests it's a Windows or Android problem. Paul Martin and Mike Bone suggested a wireless mesh system might improve connectivity and hopefully not confuse it, this would be nice to have to help speed it up and would cost about £200/£300. Paul Martin will lend his for a day to

trial it before making any decisions. It is important for Diane to have this information for future hiring's of the hall, so she knows what to tell them.

Chris has managed to carry out lots more work during Lockdown regarding a new heating system and is close to sending out all the latest information he has gathered. This will also set out the reasons why something should be done about it. There may be a change to the type of Infra-red system used and, in this regard, sent his analysis to the manufacturers and they confirmed it to be correct. He has also been in touch with another hall using this type of heating so will give us that information as well. Chris should be able to send all the information out to us in the next week for perusal.

Looking at re-marking the disabled spaces in the car park. He likes to do in conjunction with work carried out on the Mead which makes it more cost effective, but unfortunately the cost has doubled, so another company has been contacted but they are yet to get back to him.

Very pleased with how the new lightening performed for the Thurlestone Illuminations, it proved a good test for them.

## 8. A.O.B

- Village Hall Week – Devon Communities Together are holding two Zoom sessions on 26<sup>th</sup> January for village hall Committees to exchange their experiences during the pandemic. Diane has sent all the information to all the committee for their thoughts. (Diane)
- Lisa wanted to check how many meetings were held in 2020 – the only meeting cancelled was the one in April, all the others went ahead.
- David from Herb Heaven Devon asked if they could use our Kitchen to trial their dog biscuits, but it needs to be certified, which ours isn't, they would probably need a commercial kitchen. Unable to help them. (Diane)
- Not sure the tables loaned to the Foodbank in Kingsbridge have been returned. Need to check with Mike Stickland on when they plan to do this and if they have sanitised them. (Chris)
- The couple whose wedding is booked for May have also reserved a date in September, just in case. They asked if the Bridge Club would let them have the hall from the Friday night so they have longer to prepare. This won't be possible unless the Bridge Club has not restarted, they will possibly be one of the last clubs to return. (Diane)
- AGM - Chris will send out a round robin with instructions on how to join. Diane and Paul will set up the session on Zoom. It will also be on the Diary page in Village Voice. A volunteer is required to chair the meeting which will probably only last for 10 minutes or so.

**Dates of next meeting –**

**AGM Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 6pm via Zoom**

The meeting closed at 5.30pm

Signed.....  
Chairman

Date.....