

THURLESTONE PARISH HALL

Minutes of Zoom committee meeting held
22 June 2020, 5.00pm

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

1. Apologies: P Crawford, V Hodder, N Hurrell, J Le Grice & P Macdonald

2. Minutes of meeting held 20 January agreed and will be signed at a later date.

3. Events Programme for 2020 - CANCELLED

4. Treasurer's Report.

There is plenty of money at present. New gravel for the car park was purchased which will be spread by a group of volunteers. Fire alarm system tested, boiler serviced at just under £1000 and new fencing. Waiting for a bill from Frith for weeding the car park and cleaning the outside. She also plans to deep clean the kitchen including clearing out all the cupboards and washing everything. Received £978 this quarter from the FIT, which will sustain us through the period of closure.

5. Maintenance Committee Report.

Besides the work Frith has been doing the floor has been oiled. Quote for the new HDMI and multimedia system of just under £2000 sent to all the committee for perusal. This gives us greater flexibility and improve presentations. Experiment will be carried out to ascertain whether a new ethernet cable is also required. Mike Stickland proposed work to be carried which was seconded by Alison and Sylvia. Another quote received to replace the stage lighting. There are currently 13 tungsten lights of various wattage that can only be moved or changed by going up a tall ladder which only a couple of people know how to do at present. The proposal is to replace them with a ground operated system, which will be expensive but the current lighting is 15 years old and costs are similar to the original. The chap who provided the quote does the lighting for KATS and trained at the Theatre Royal in Plymouth and is available immediately due to not being able to work during the pandemic. The 13 lights will be replaced by just 4 LEDs but as the electricity cupboard cannot power LEDs this will also need replacing. The lights are controlled by a lighting desk which has 10 pre-programmable buttons. It can be connected to the media player so you can even have disco lights if desired, more buttons can be programmed. With everything including labour it comes in just under £10,000. Diane said as the one who has to deal with users experiencing problems connecting with the current equipment and also ensure someone is always available to help, anything that would make life easier is worthwhile. Mike Stickland proposed the work be carried out and was seconded by Diane.

6. Re-opening of the hall.

The general consensus amongst the committee was due to the age group of the majority of users was not to re-open the hall until 2021, but review this again in September. Pat Macdonald suggested the hall be offered to the school to help them open fully in September

and was wholeheartly endorsed by the committee members attending as this makes the best community use of the hall. Alison will contact the school and we can proceed from there. * If the hall was to be re-opened it would need to be COVID-19 safe and specialised products and sanitisers as well as enhanced cleaning every time hall used will be required, we cannot rely solely on people using the hall to do this. Younger users were hoping it would reopen but government advice is not to use indoor spaces for any physical activity. Once we know the situation with the school, hopefully by the next meeting, we can act accordingly. Lisa will talk to insurers about all options and risks. One concern is the warm air heating which during the winter recirculates air in the building and could prove problematic, we do have a wet system in the Yeo room, this will need looking into.

7. AOB

- Diane asked if we wanted to re-join Devon Community Together
- Lisa receives various calls about reducing our electricity bills, usually ignored but the latest one seemed to know what they were talking about. Checked on the internet and they seem ok, will do some more investigating

Date of next meeting –20th July 2020 at 5pm by Zoom

The meeting closed at 6.20pm

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....

27 July 20

*School were contacted and we were thanked for our kind offer, they currently have sufficient capacity but once new government guidelines are received in July it may be different then. Left contact details with them.