

Whimble Village Hall

Minute of the meeting of Trustees held on 4 March 2019

Present:			
Maria Wallis (MW)	Chair & School Rep	Rosemary Davies (RosD)	Parish Church Council
Chris Olive (CO)	Treasurer	Paul Wilson (PW)	Village Produce Assoc
Ali Tierney (AT)	Booking Secretary	Rachel Owen (RO)	Carpet Bowls
Bob Scanlan (BS)		Arthur Iball (AI)	Over 60s Club
Liz Roberts (LR)	WI	Margaret Bucknell (MB)	
John Munslow (JM)		Rob Davis (RD)	Front Row Club
Jo Sibley	Pre-School	John Griffiths (JG)	Parish Council
Andrea Bristow (AB)	Whimbletons		

1. Apologies received:

Hilary Nowill (HN) Incoming Secretary
 Kaya Taylor (KT)
 Georgina Bayley (GB) Breakfast Club

2. Meeting of Strategy Sub-Committee:

2.1. MW provided the committee with an overview of the meeting:

- 2.1.1. Following discussions with Roger Smith and John Silk at the cricket club, it is clear that proposals for development are in their infancy; will be focused on improving the changing room and social areas; and will not impact on the future of the hall
- 2.1.2. Neighbourhood Plan: 178 responses in total, of which a majority rated the hall as of 'high quality' but 'requiring major improvements'. The results of the survey, conducted from November 2017, have not yet been made public.
- 2.1.3. Users views: 19 of 20 users (including all trustees) responded to the hall's consultation request. BS tried to collate them. Some users presented a unanimous response and some sent several. Some made general points but made no reference to their users' needs. No-one mentioned the roof, boiler, asbestos, or condition of the building. The balance of views from consultation responses is that hall users want to stay on the current site. The question of rebuild vs refurbish wasn't unanimous but there was a balance of views towards refurbish. Many users raised the issue of the floor in the main hall as being the single biggest item of concern.
- 2.1.4. Way forward: Most halls do a survey of their community. BS has been drafting survey questions based on those used by other halls.
- 2.1.5. JG confirmed that the consultation response from the Parish Council represented a collective view rather than those of one individual. JG asked that in future the hall committee go through 'proper channels' when contacting the parish council rather than speaking to individuals directly.

2.2. Outcomes from the discussion:

- 2.2.1. Unanimous agreement to proceed with floor replacement as a matter of urgency due to health and safety considerations. The option chosen was **22mm thick solid beech, supplied by Roger Hyde Floorings, at £15,125 plus vat**. Although expected to take 5-10 days, contingency plans will need to be considered (e.g. packed lunches) if the work isn't complete by the start of the new school term in September
- 2.2.2. ACTION: David Myers will place order for flooring. The floor will need to be laid after the VPA show in August.
- 2.2.3. General agreement that at least one open forum/community information session will be needed
- 2.2.4. ACTION: BS will summarise consultation responses in next Whimble News
- 2.2.5. ACTION: All committee representatives to confirm to AT if they are happy for their consultation responses to be made public. AT to contact non-trustee members to ask them if their responses can be made public
- 2.2.6. ACTION: BS to put consultation responses in Trustee Zone on village hall website
- 2.2.7. ACTION: BS to draft survey, with help from CO
- 2.2.8. ACTION: MW to work out date for first information session. Needs to be set soon to be included in next Whimble News.
- 2.2.9. ACTION: AB to draft flyers to distribute around the village (pubs, shop, etc) outlining consultation plans and inviting people to an information session. Flyers should contain half a dozen or so key points
- 2.2.10. Should aim to get survey ready for Village Week
- 2.2.11. Project managers will be needed to move initiatives forward over the coming months. ACTION: All trustee users to canvas their organisation members and aim to find at least one person prepared to help
- 2.2.12. JG has indicated to MW that he knows a group of businessmen who were involved with the Shard, London and he will be approaching them to see if there is appetite to assist with the future of the Hall. ACTION: JG to identify dates for a possible visit

3. Outstanding actions from previous minutes

- 3.1. No matters arising

4. Soup and Sarnie

- 4.1. January event raised £197.35 net profit - £32 more than in 2018.
- 4.2. MW to speak with AT outside meeting to discuss staffing for March Soup and Sarnie.

5. Correspondence: n/a

6. Management Sub-Committee

- 6.1. Nothing further following the discussions above.

7. Finance Sub-Committee

- 7.1. Treasurer's Report: a financial statement was circulated.

8. Buildings & Maintenance Sub-Committee

- 8.1. Nothing further following the discussions above.

9. Date of next meeting: Monday 8th April 2019 at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 8:35pm

Forward Actions

Review rubbish and recycling	April 2019 meeting (from November minutes)
Front Row Club wiring proposal	When electrical aspects of refurbishment discussed (from January meetings)