

## **Minutes of HPFRG Trustees 18/5/21**

*Meeting held via Zoom*

### **Present**

Harry Purnell (chair), Shirley Sainsbury, Louise Chicken, Viv Tallowin, Maggie Prettyman, Robin Slatter, Claire Madden, Eilish Rothney, Robin Slatter, Stuart Chinman.

### **Apologies**

Chris Watkins, Gemma Scarborough, Julie Wones, Nick Baker, Harvey Gibbons.

### **Minutes of last meeting**

Approved as a true record

### **Matters arising**

VT discovered the identity of the mystery gardeners. They are Andrea and Allan who live on Tate Loke. SS to send letter of appreciation.

MP raised the fact that the toilets are still not able to be opened.

### **Finance**

LC's report shows that the Barn has a surplus only £1,000 less than the same time last year.

The cost of licences is high despite the closure because payment is calculated on the income from the previous year.

Outgoings include-

£225 for invoicing software

£150 for the new barrier

£110 for automatic door lock

The account currently stands at £70,418

Following representation from the Phoenix Trust, it was agreed to waive contribution from the snooker club as the snooker room has not been used.

### **Covid Recovery**

The proposed meeting with the Football Club has not taken place. It was agreed to try to arrange this before the next Trustee meeting..

Pilates has restarted and Zumba and Badminton will do so this week. There has been a band practice, U3A intend to restart following national guidelines. Bridge will recommence in July and Treading the Broads in August.

### **Fundraising**

The village show will be held on 1st August.

Further planning cannot be done until government guidelines are published. The Action Council for Rural England have yet to publish guidelines.

## **Health and Safety**

Continues as normal.

## **Maintenance**

A volunteer group has weeded the front border but it now needs a covering of woodchip to suppress weeds. It is possible to obtain fresh woodchip free but this would need to be kept for at least six months before use. It was agreed to buy eight cubic metres of seasoned woodchip at a cost of £150.

## **Booking Clerk Appointment**

A possible candidate will assess the system we use next week.

## **Ray's Café**

A proposal by SC.

The idea is that the Barn would run a coffee shop for parishioners and visitors.

It would run for three or four months of the year and would require hire or acquisition of a suitable machine.

There was some discussion around the proposal and whilst it was favourably received it was clear that a number of issues need to be clarified.

- Cost benefit against outlay
- Generation of waste material; environmental impact
- If the machine is plumbed in, the café could not run at times when the kitchen is integral to hire of the Barn
- Given that it would be run by volunteers, how to square this with other demands on volunteer time

SC was asked to write a feasibility study for circulation. ER offered assistance.

## **Business Plan**

Given the current situation, it was agreed to extend the life of the current plan for a further year.

## **AOB**

A request for permission to camp on the field was rejected on the grounds that it is HPFRG policy not to allow camping.

The meeting ended at 20:42.

The next meeting will be at 19:00 on 15<sup>th</sup> June.