

Hale Village Hall Council of Management
Minutes of meeting held on 16th July 2024 at 7.30pm

Present

Jacqui Hartas (Chair)
Marjaana Batterbury (Hall Manager)
Richard Barlow (Cricket Club)
David Keniston (Village Representative)
Gary Adams (Treasurer)
Gary Kyle (Parish Council)
Debbie Vine (Village Representative)
Sue Adams (Village Representative)
David Mussell (Horticultural Society)

Apologies

James Stewart (Village Representative)
Sarah Pook (Village Representative)
Mark Nobes (Secretary)

1. General Introduction

- a) Apologies for Absence – As above
- b) Declarations of Interest – None
- c) Confirmation approval of Minutes of last meeting held on 9th May 2024 – Approved but noted that Sue Adams was shown as being present and absent. It was confirmed that she was present.

2. Chair's Report

- a) General Report – Jacqui Hartas, Gary Adams, Mark Nobes and Marjaana Batterbury to meet with Hale School Headteacher and Operations Manager for a general discussion and to give a rebate of £500 received from SSE.

David Keniston left the meeting due to a medical emergency.

A meeting will take place on 24th July with a representative of the New Forest HEAT Project to give advice on energy saving measures.

Insulation work commences on Thursday 25th July. A professional cleaning company will come in after completion of the work in August. Table tennis will be suspended during this time and Redlynch Horticultural Society will hold their meeting in the downstairs Garden Room on the 8th August.

3. Treasurer's Report

- a) General report - Year to Date

Income from Hall £15,706
Legacy Donation £25,000
Total Income £40,706
Expenditure £27,530
Net Increase in Funds £13,176
Cash in Bank and in Hand (excl magazine) = £86,644

Due to the generous legacy the reserves are well covered. One of the Lloyds investments for £20,000 had matured. Repairs and maintenance of equipment and utilities and completion of the canopy were the highest costs. David Mussell asked what the legacy would/could be used for. Jacqui asked for discussion under item 6.

4. Hall Manager's Report

- a) General Report – Marjaana reported an increase in weekend hire. A music event had to be cancelled due to the Hall being requisitioned by NFDC for the General Election on the 4th July and re-imburement from NFDC for this is still awaited. Those involved in the music event had offered to donate £100 to the Hall.

Signed

Countersigned

Date:

5. Health & Safety Report

- a) General Report – This will replace the Secretary's Report as Mark Nobes is to stand down as Secretary but will remain as a Trustee and continue to monitor matters relating to the above. Debbie Vine will put herself forward as Secretary at the forthcoming AGM.

6. Hall Improvement Updates

- a) Roof Insulation – Work commences on Thursday 25th July.
b) Shower Room floor and walls plus toilet upgrade – Awaiting start date from the builder. Awaiting a quote for the fitting of a drain outside the store use by the cricketers.
c) Anything Else? – It was suggested that some of the legacy monies could be put towards building a more accessible toilet that could be built at the end of the lobby where the dustbins are currently housed, which could then also be accessed by members of the public. The existing toilet door could be blocked up and an access made from the kitchen. This space could then be used as a store freeing up the cupboard at the top of the stairs making it storage easier for school staff.

The light bulbs in the main hall are now obsolete and require replacing with LEDs.

Some of the small square tables require replacing, there are currently 15 and it was proposed and agreed to replace 8 of them at a cost of £850.

Gary Kyle asked whether it might be possible to invest in a larger TV or screen as it was sometimes difficult to see documents projected onto the screen at meetings.

7. Events Committee Update

Peter Roberts will give a talk on the history of Hale Village on the 18th October 2024. He does not require payment for this but the Committee feels that some small charge should be made on the door for attendance which could then be donated to a Charity of Peter's choice. £2.50 was agreed.

Wreath Making and Christmas decoration of the Hall will take place on the 30th November 2024.

The Events Committee to arrange a further meeting.

8. Magazine Update

Jacqui summarised the latest position as follows:

CARRIED FORWARD FROM 2023	£4,234.80
INCOME 2024	
Advertising 2024	£ 595.00
Donations	£ 644.00
Gift Aid Rebate	£ 164.99
	£ 1403.99
EXPENDITURE 2024	
Printing	£ 2,310.75 56 pages x 2 60x1 48 x 2 52 x 1
Envelopes	£ 222.18
	£ 2,532.93
BALANCE	£3,105.86

2 x mid-year advertising renewals will add £165

Estimated printing costs to December will be £2,000

The balance in hand was not as good as had been hoped. Donation envelopes will be placed in the September issue but it was noted the Church is also seeking donations to fund repairs so it may be necessary to repeat this at a later date.

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Date:

9. AGM and Open Day 30th August 2024

The Agenda requires publication by the end of July and all Trustees need to let Jacqui know before month end whether they do or do not wish to stand again. Debbie Vine confirmed that although she was happy to be put forward as Secretary she would not be able to attend the AGM. Jacqui confirmed that she had invited Hale Parish Councillors, Sir Desmond Swayne MP, Edward Heron and the Salisbury Journal. Some responses were still awaited, Cllr Janet Richards (NFDC) had given apologies as she is on holiday. The Village Archives would be on display along with a display from the Church and the Heat Project (possibly literature only).

10. Any Other Business

Richard commented that the new toilet was a bonus.

The Meeting Closed at 8.15 pm

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 10th September 2024 at 7.30 pm (tbc)

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Date: