

Stanton Lacy Village Hall Committee Meeting

on 1st December 2020 at 6.00 pm

1. Attendance: Mervyn Jones (MJ) Phyllis Steventon (PS) Jo McLachlan (JM) Graham Spiers (GS) Dot Williams (DW) Steve Middleton (SM)
2. Apologies: Phil Keene, Barry Wilson and Phil Jones
3. Minutes of the last meeting on 12th October 2020: approved

4. Matters Arising: it was agreed that local outlets such as Mother Earth Pizzas can continue to operate from the hall car park with no charge.

5. Treasurers Report: This was circulated by email in advance of the meeting, as follows: *There has been minimal financial activity, for obvious reasons, since the last meeting. The present bank account balances, as set out in last printed bank statements, are £10,166.31 (current account....795) and £28586.22 (deposit....161). The current account statement shows a donation from Wednesday coffee mornings by Phyllis Steventon of £100 and bar income from the Chilli Snack event of £214.00 (Graham Spiers), with payment to Phyllis Steventon of £39.86 for purchase of bar sundries for the same event, and to Jo McLachlan of £26.18 reimbursement for purchase of Christmas tree lights. Additionally, there have been payments to Shropshire RCC for annual membership (£35) and Shropshire Council to renew the premises licence (£70).*

There has been an electricity demand on an estimation for some £174 but Phyllis has supplied a meter reading which it is anticipated will result in a lower bill. The other foreseeable expenses are the Lloyd account- still to provide itemised details for their bill, an electrician's bill for wiring in the cooker and outside sockets and timer to the front of the hall, and there will be the annual insurance

premium payable in January.

We are still awaiting confirmation from the bank that Phyllis has been added as an additional signatory to the account. Forms have been delivered for the second time and I will chase again. So many are working from home, it is often difficult to have the time to sit on the phone to get through to a human being and, of course, meaningful personal visits are impossible!

The electricity Invoice has been received since and the sum owed is £33.23

6. It was agreed there be no plans under current coronavirus restrictions to open the hall.

7. No bookings for activities are likely to take place until the spring. It was agreed that JM ask Phil Keene if he wanted to organise socially distanced carol singing in the hall car park on behalf of St Peter's Church. The Crib and Christmas tree lights were switched on. GS agreed to make enquiries on supply of gas to the hall.

8. MJ reported that John Bryan had visited the hall and has agreed at no cost to the hall to draw up new plans and submit them for planning consent and building regulations approval. He presented an itemised budget estimate, based upon published (November 2020) Typical UK Construction Costs, of £274.000 for the whole of the building extension and conservatory as previously proposed and a modified smaller extension of £94.000. MJ brought all details in typewritten form for the committee to consider, including a copy of proposed new plan. The modified proposals would include refurbishment of the men's toilets and kitchen enlargement. MJ pointed out that the hall would be likely to need to show available funds to match the amount of any grants sought. It is proposed that an extension to the ladies' toilets be undertaken first, followed by kitchen improvements and the men's toilets. John Bryan will contact council on views on the new plans. All work would be done in stages

as funds become available. MJ hopes to apply for grants within the next 6 months. St Peter's Church is also in the process of applying for grants for toilet and kitchen facilities and it was agreed that it is important that the hall committee do not compete for grants with the PCC. There are no more grants available to mitigate the impact of coronavirus on hall income.

It was pointed out that work will need to commence within the next 18 months to comply with the existing planning permission.

There was discussion on the possibility of removing the stage to make more room as well as removing the partition to the meeting room.

9. We have agreed to buy a shed from Paul Cowles at a cost to us for £2,200 which can be used for storage.

Paul will erect for us.

Andrew Prichard will move the bus shelter to the position that MJ and Heather have marked out, which will allow for hedge cutting at the rear of the shelter.

PS and MJ will go to Brights of Tenbury Wells next week and purchase a fridge and a small chest freezer.

JM will speak to her contact who has a marquee business and ask if he will come and give some advice on the advantages or otherwise of the hall investing in a marquee.

10. MJ has had some contact with Secure Web Services concerning their request to erect a mast for internet reception at the village hall. SWS would pay in the region of £1-£3 a month per property connection, which could amount to around £100-£200 a month income for the hall. The committee agreed that it was interested in principle. MJ will pursue further details, such as height and siting of mast. JM will make enquiries of HM Land Registry to confirm ownership of the front and back car park areas.

MJ has considered the fitting of solar panels, but it was agreed that this be currently deferred because of the financial implications which would bring little, if any, benefit.

11. There was no other business to discuss.

Date of next meeting: **2nd February 2021 at 6.30pm**