

ZEALS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Village Hall Trustees and Management Committee

Held on Tuesday 23 January 2024 commencing at 7.45 pm.

Present: Cllrs C Spencer, (Chairman), P Thomas, D Corbin, M Gibbons, J Gray, L D'Ambrumenil and A Patch, Cllr Jeans (Wiltshire Council), Mrs F Hill (Clerk)

Committee members Mrs S Colbourne (Chair of Village Hall Committee), Willicia Whiting (Treasurer), Diana

1 Member of Public

ZVH 23/15 **Apologies:** none received

ZVH 23/16 The **minutes** of the Village Hall and Management Committee Meeting held on 28 September 2023 were approved.

ZVH 23/17 **Village Hall Chair's Report.**

The chair gave a report to the meeting. The coffee mornings are well attended and enjoyed as was the Halloween supper and quiz. The hall has regular bookings and is booked for the Crime and Commissioner Elections on 2 May.

SMS has installed a smart meter but need to check it

The generator needed a battery and is now fully operational.

The Area Board has granted a £4000 award and the committee thanked Cllr Corbin for attending the Area Board meeting on their behalf.

They are still seeking a volunteer maintenance person but have found someone who knows about engines and will keep the oil in the generator topped up.

ZVH 23/18 **Finance report.**

A spreadsheet with the yearly expenditure has been sent to the clerk for her to share with the Parish Council. It shows that the running costs are just short of £5000.

Currently there is income from regulars. The treasure will compile a list of the income but last year it came to £3597.

The current account has about £11,000 in and the savings account has £10,000.

ZVH 23/19 **State of Roof and Building**

Discussion took place regarding the repairs and funding of the hall. Cllr Spencer had spoken to Lime Repairs and suggested that the work on the roof was not required.

Lime Repairs have said they can revisit and update their quote accordingly. It was hoped that this would reduce the quote to the region of £10,000.

They did make it clear that any work could not be done until the weather was dry.

ZVH 23/20 **Grant Award and Funding**

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would add an additional £1000 to the grant of £4000 and the Hall Committee would match this with £5000 as they have funds in the savings account.

Proposed Cllr Corbin, Seconded Cllr Gibbons

Resolved 7 – 0 – 0

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Cllr Spencer will go back to Lime Repairs and invite them back. He will also approach someone to look at clearing the gutters.

It was **NOTED** that both the Area Board and the Allotments Charity have funds available for grants. These could be applied for but would be more likely to succeed for the generator or heating as the hall is a designated welfare hub.

SSE also has money to provide a generator if there is a power cut, but this would need to be applied for and may only be available retrospectively. SSE do not make it easy to access the information.

ZVH 23/21 Volunteers and Committee Members

It was noted that the committee has enough members on it at the present time and now they have a person with knowledge of generators they do not require a member of the PC to be on their committee.

Cllr Spencer thanked Mrs Colbourne and her team for all their hard work and commitment.

ZVH 23/22 Date of next meeting

Thursday 23 May 2024