



Beaford Village Hall

Charity No 300757

Beaford Village Hall - Committee Meeting Minutes

Jan 26

Date: - 13 Jan 26

Time: - 19:10

Present: - - Martin Church, Ellie Pearce, Rob Pearce, Jo Church, Joy Collins, Phil Pollard, Simon Berry, Dave Price, Michelle Davies

Apologies: - None

Trustee: - None

Public: - None

Approval of Minutes: - Signed off with no alterations

Chair's Update: - Funding:-

1. Fantastic news that we were awarded £19,893 by The National Lottery Community Fund towards upgrade/replacement of our heating system
2. Application for grant of £8,000 sent to Common Ground Award (to go towards cost of replacement heating system) Decision to be made Jan '26.
3. Unsuccessful with our grant application for toilet refurb from Screwfix
4. We did not win the Village Hall Podcast draw (£2,500 - £1,000). I will continue to follow their podcast and enter all subsequent draws.

Dave, Jo & I attended North Devon Communities Together Village Hall seminar at Merton on 4th December – very useful and offer lots of support. We (BVH) have become members for one year at a cost of £50. Membership Certificate received, just need to display it. Next Meeting is on 4th March at Milton Damerel Parish Hall (Myself, Jo & Dave registered to attend)

Website hosts (Wordpress) subscription has been renewed for 24 months

Domain name retained for a further 12 months

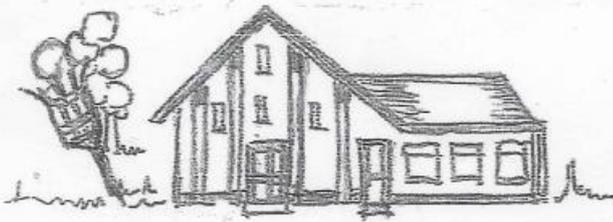
Selection of trees planted in lower two corners of Doorstep Green, thanks to Simon & all who helped

Christmas Market & Social evening were both well supported and profitable

PATS Testing & Fire Safety equipment check both booked for Thursday 22nd Jan – Martin will be present (also checking fire extinguishers at the church).

Treasurer's Update: - Accts added – no issues raised. Martin informed us that we were not successful with Airband bid for cheaper broadband - will look at alternatives.

Bookings Update: - Lots of interest shown from recent Christmas meeting – hopefully they will be fruitful later in the year.



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Health & Safety Checks: - FA kits have been checked and updated as required. Hand washing sinks need paper towel. Also records of cleaning of appliances and freezer contents needed. Martin will contact TDC and DCT to gather further information.

Parish Council Update: - No meeting in December. Congratulations to BVH re heating grant. Phil brought up issue of exiting Towell Lane – Simon said it has been discussed and has also brought up with local M.P. Concerns will be passed forward at next parish council meeting.

Matters Arising: - Coffee mornings and markets – thoughts of changes. Perhaps move markets quarterly/seasonal. Agreed to try Spring, 11 April, Autumn, 12 September and Winter, 12 December. Change the name to Community Café for the monthly Saturday coffee mornings – all agreed.

Rob – more use of the volunteers at some events– updated list of volunteers was suggested and Chrissie McDonagh to be approached to do a poster.

Bingo – the next 'Eyes Down' will be 15 Feb. Future of holding further events – regularity etc to be discussed post this event.

Large events – 14 March – Anita Quiz. Cost and food discussed. Teams to bring own snacks – not drinks. £3 a head teams of six. Teams can be made up – to be published. Quiz starts at 1900 – doors at 1800

18 April – Big Breakfast – bookings only 0900 – 1200. Charges to be calculated. Dave to price up.

25 May – Littleham Howlers approached – no response at this time – Jo to chase.

Jun, July and Aug to be discussed next month

Warm hub – is submitted as part of our bids as community activities. Agreed to continue until March.

Pruning of trees – Rob mentioned that people have expressed interest in helping prune the trees. Phil – Tricks Terrace – will lead – experience from RHS - volunteers to help on the day – needs to be done this Month – early February.

Hall decorating – 24/25 January – Hall, Kitchen and Foyer. Some prep to be done before hand – pictures etc. 1030 onwards. List of names etc drawn up = Martin to buy spare trays, brushes etc.

Discussion on changing curtains and blinds – to be looked at again during investigation of the heating upgrade etc.

Handwashing sink in kitchen; need to change to paper towels rather than fabric. To be arranged once decorating completed.

AOB: - Feedback from Rob – Skittles kit was owned by WI some time ago but needed changing – too heavy. Work was carried out by Roger Horner – sold the old for £250 and also a grant of £500 from Parish Council. Kit kept at BVH for all to use. Joy informed group that the current skittle group at BVH felt the kit should not be used for league team use – that is, only for casual use. The group had a vote and 100% agreed on this. A concern was raised also on the possibility of damages and who would bear the cost. As a result it was decided that if the interested parties wanted to have a separate skittle group – the current group is all but full – that would not be an issue but a league team would not be acceptable.

Ellie – toilet hand dryers – not followed up from October. As further grants not received it was felt that it would be prudent to wait for the moment. Monies to be passed into saving acct until further possible grants – voted and agreed.

