

# FARTHINGHOE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

## Minutes 29/05/19

**Date:** 29th May 2019, 7.30pm

**Location:** Village Hall

**Attendees:** Graham Osborne, Di Osborne, David Hancock, Wendy Hancock, Lisa Wenmouth, Jenny Phipps, Wendy Whitehouse, Henry Bankes-Jones (Parish Council)

**Apologies:** Fiona George

### **1. Welcome, Meter empty, 150 Club draw, Site walkround**

The Chair welcomed Henry to the meeting and accepted the apologies from Fiona George. The Chair also took the Minutes of the meeting. 150 Club Draw - £25 - No 59 John Grant, £15 - No 72 Ian Hunt (deceased), £10 - No 52 Jane Cox. **GO** will now lead on the 150 Club and look at different ways to get the subscriptions. A letter would be delivered to all homes, seeking new members and encouraging existing to pay by Standing Order to simplify collection of subscriptions

The Meters were emptied and contained £161 in coins.

Members walked the site discussing external improvements as they went. **LW** suggested an area with Arbor/Arch which could be used for photography purposes and as an additional hook for Wedding hire. **DH** to produce list of possible enhancements.

### **2. Approval of previous minutes, review of actions, (Chair)**

The March 2019 Minutes were approved and all actions were accomplished. JP pointed out that the funding of the last Read and Feed event was a little unclear - collecting for two charities etc. It was agreed that future events would ensure total clarity with the leaders on the day. It was also agreed that we would track the amount of money raised by Charitable Events at the Hall.

### **3. Financial update (LW)**

Lisa ran through the previously published accounts and highlighted the success of two grant applications which had now been received. It was agreed that we need a new Village Hall sign and **LW** would see if Sue Abbis-Stubbs would accept a commission. It was agreed that we would hold a reserve of £4k at all times, but we can proceed with some of the planned upgrades. **LW** would also apply for a grant from Northants Council for heating costs.

#### **4. Village Show update (WH)**

Wendy ran through the plans for the event in September which were being managed by a wider Committee including villagers. There were many good ideas being pursued and all felt confident the event would be a success. Judges had been found for all the categories and several good ideas were input from the meeting

#### **5. Website (LW)**

Search optimisation was proving beneficial to the number of searches finding the site. Lisa would continue to update and upgrade the site as necessary.

#### **6. Review of Constitution (Chair)**

**DH** gave an outline of the Constitution for the benefit of newer Committee Members based on the 1961 Constitution document.. It was proposed that future FVHC meetings would be the first Wednesday in the Month, but only every other month starting in July 2019. It was agreed this should be trialled with a separate quorum being available to do the 150 Club draw each month. The 2019 AGM date was set for 3rd July at 19.00hrs with the main meeting following.

#### **7. Any other Business**

**WH** pointed out some maintenance issues which **DH** and **GO** agreed to deal with. It was agreed that Lena and Will could polish the floor during the Summer Holidays if the new floor was not fitted by then. The Wedding on 27/07 would require some work to tidy the external areas and ensure the garden was looking its best.

#### **8. Items for next meeting (Chair)**

1. AGM
2. Heating and Flooring Project
3. Marquee hire and erection costs
4. Village Show
5. External improvements - next steps