

St Margaret's Hall Management Committee Minutes of Meeting Friday. 13th December 2019. 1900

1. Present.

Emilie Gordon, Vicky Franklin, Jacqueline Pyne, John Macdonald (Chair).

2. Apologies.

Chris Bailward (Deputy Chair), Gareth Cherry (Treasurer), Ann Franklin, Maria Hawkins, Gillian Miles, Ollie Franklin, Hannah Williamson.

3. Minutes of previous meeting on 27th September 2019.

Previously circulated, signed.

4. Matters arising.

Hedges. Although the hedge adjacent to the car park had been cut at the top and the car park side, it still requires cutting back on the playing field side. There was a short discussion as to who had the responsibility for the cutting. JP confirmed that traditionally Steve Collins had kindly cut it as a favour to the community. On this occasion he had cut the hedge, but had been unable to gain entrance to cut the rear of the hedge. JM has been tasked to approach Steve to ask if he would be kind enough to complete the cutting of the hedge. Action, JM.

Man Hole Covers. JM admitted that as the manhole covers are still covered by vegetation he has done nothing about them. They need to be exposed before ascertaining what action needs to be taken. Action, JM, OF.

Changing Room Steps. JM has removed all the old rotten wood from the deck and the steps. The remaining wood has been coated with wood preservative. Two local carpenters were approached for estimates. One came up with an estimate for £600 for materials and £600 for Labour (not VAT rated). The committee approved the spend. EM suggested that the step treads might last longer if they were hardwood rather than softwood. JM undertook to ascertain the extra costing. Action. JM.

Route 60+. The Villager magazine ad produced seven interested parties for the Route 60+ course. JM spoke to the Somerset Safety Department to discover their ideal course size. They would like approximately 20 people to make the course viable. Presently, a total of 15 have registered interest including those from North Cheriton. VF suggested placing another advertisement in the magazine. JP stated that the WI had booked the Safety Department speaker for the one hour talk on the subject on the 2nd April. Continuing Action. JM.

5. Chair Report.

A quiet couple of months. The toddlers group appear to have taken on a more permanent look and in conjunction with their leader, Liela Moss, the store room has been cleared of the outdated/unserviceable toys and equipment. The wooden Changing Room steps have been prepared for replacement.

6. Treasurer's report.

Business as usual over the last quarter for St Margaret's Hall with the usual class and party bookings. The bank balance has been bolstered by a £460 donation by attendees of Peter Judd's birthday party, as well as a number of other smaller donations.

Cash at bank stands at £8,661.84 currently; enough of a cushion to provide for any required maintenance of the hall going forward.

7. Booking's report.

The Village Hall has been busy with children's parties and the mother and toddlers group, organised by Liela Moss, is becoming a regular feature in the Village Hall calendar. It's great to have toddlers back in the Hall. The Hall has also benefited from the recent snap general election. All the regular classes, WI and Parish Council meetings carry on as usual. Thus the Hall is in regular use.

8. Sport's report.

To be advised.

9. Maintenance.

Boiler. The boiler had its annual service on November 5th. It continues to operate efficiently and apart from a new boiler nozzle no other parts were required.

Smoke Alarm. As per the requirement of the new insurance company a second smoke alarm has been fitted in the boiler room. The testing of the smoke alarm will be carried out monthly with the other checks completed by the safety officer.

Road salt. One of the Local Council's requirements for the use of the Hall as a polling station was for grit for the path in case of icy conditions. A 25 kg bag of road salt was purchased and is stored in the boiler room. JP counselled against the over use of road salt because of corrosion to the path.

10. AOB.

Trestle tables in the Cemetery Chapel. JP had carried an audit for the Parish Council and discovered that the Trestle Tables in the Cemetery Chapel lay unused and are deteriorating rapidly. Since the tables ownership is generally attributed to the village, ie: the Hall, she felt a good solution would be to find a new home for them before they decay further. Action. JP, VF.

11. Date of next committee meeting.

The next meeting will be held on the 21 February 2020 at 1900.

The meeting closed at 1950.