

LAWSHALL VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A.G.M. 29 January 2024 7.00pm

Reports from Hall Users

Lawshall Ladies

Annie informed the meeting that Lawshall Ladies programme for 2024 is to use the hall as much as possible for various activities ranging from talks by an Historian, Fun Dancing to making a clay poppy.

The Community Cafe is run mostly by 4 ladies from the group with help from other members where possible.

Events Committee

Wendy informed the meeting that the committee are trying to do something each month by way of raising money for the Hall. Bingo is now a monthly event and is going very well. A speaker from a local Auctioneers was very knowledgeable and entertaining. A First Aid basic course was free and was very well attended: the biggest events have been the Barn Dance and the Bury Concert Band, both of which the Hall has been asked to book again. The Pop up Choir, which was also free, was also well attended and coincided with the Christmas Tree Festival which was held jointly by the Church and Village Hall.

(It was later revealed that the Events committee had raised £2,832 for the VH thus far).

The Tuesday Club finished last year and consideration is being given for something to replace that.

Annie suggested holding a race night as a future event.

Bryan was aware of a previous successful race night being held in the VH

Peter said he had been to a packed Race Night at the Red House in Stanningfield. It is run once a month for different charities and had made £500 for the races with drinks and a raffle on top of that.

Easyfundraising

Julia explained how to raise additional money for the VH by using Easyfundraising when doing on-line shopping. It is free to use and various companies pay a percentage to your cause when shopping with them. B & Q are an example as well as some supermarkets and Amazon. It is easy to use by either going through the Easyfundraising website or downloading an app and then clicking on Lawshall VH as your named cause.

Carpet Bowls and Table Tennis

Julian informed the meeting that both the Carpet Bowls and Table Tennis are going extremely well with a recent influx of players for both. There are now 3 mats for the bowls and 3 tables for table tennis. There are on occasions up to 20 people at bowls.

Formal Part of Meeting

1. Present:

Peter Ward, Chairperson, Wendy Harris, Julia Keys, Ian Carrington, Jenna Kitchen, Leanne Hornby, Julian Delafortrie, Rosemary Riches

2. Apologies:

There were no apologies.

3. Approval of minutes of the last AGM held on 3 October 2022.

Jenna had issue with some points. However, the minutes were signed by Peter as a true reflection of the meeting.

4. Election/re-election of the VH Committee

The Committee were re-elected.

5. Matters arising – i.e. any issues from the previous AGM, and ongoing Health and Safety requirements. Risk Assessments are now in place.

With regard to the Halls for Hire Website, there has been one definite booking from that site. An annual check will be made on that site.

It was noted that the Village Hall has not taken up the offer of the Swan PH running a bar at events at a cost of £200 in the Hall but instead took out a temporary licence to run a bar. A legally responsible person is required in order to have a permanent bar so the preferred option is the temporary licence.

If a Wedding is booked in the Village Hall then they can look to the Swan to run their bar.

The roof of the VH has now been repaired by Contractors following water ingress.

6. Chairs Report.

See Report at the end of minutes.

With regard to the Fire Safety Report, Peter noted that Paul Ricketts had undertaken a lot of the initial paperwork to get that fire report in place and extended thanks to him.

Peter thanked Jenna and Julia for the seamless transition as Editor of Round and About

7. Finances:

See Treasurers report at the end of minutes..

Leanne proposes that John Parker remains as Auditor of the VH accounts.

8. Report from Caretaker/booking clerk.

Darren spoke about the recent thefts/vandalism at the VH. He felt it was very important to report every event of attempted oil theft to the Police. He acknowledged that the village is vulnerable but that there is still a Crime Prevention Officer namely Steve Coughlan for this area. He could be asked to come and look at the Hall having an alarm system installed. Darren felt the broken window was an attempt to see if Hall is alarmed.

There are now 4 crimes against the Hall.

Darren felt that it was pointless installing CCTV if that is not supplemented by good quality lighting. He felt that sturdy locked or key-coded gates into the car park would be a good deterrent as criminals are inherently lazy and would not want to move oil barrels too far.

With regard to Hall Bookings, Darren said that somebody from Stanningfield had booked the Hall on Boxing Day and was likely to book again.

The White Board in the entrance hall is working well and most days there is something going on.

Darren said that he and Sharon enjoyed caring for the Hall.

Darren informed the meeting that, Malcolm Edgar, from the village, had recently passed away. He did a lot for the hall and used to do the weather reports for the R & A.

9. Round and about – Editors report.

Julia thanked Leanne for her help with the magazine. She felt it was a team effort. She said that she has had a lot of nice comments regarding her input to the magazine but was always open to suggestions regarding the magazine, however, felt it was necessary to focus on advertising.

Darren said that he is now getting close to delivering all the 500 copies of the magazine that are printed. He listed those places that have duplicate copies. It was felt that it was necessary to monitor the numbers printed.

10. A.O.B./ questions from those attending

Sarah Warboys questioned the correct process to enable Lawshall Ladies hall booking dates to be placed on the website and asked that the actual event is also listed.

Leanne suggested submitting the completed booking form to her in the first instance with the programme of events and Leanne will confirm and enter on the website then liaise with Sharon as they keep separate diaries.

Bryan Adams noted that the Parish Council is now keeping a calendar of events which can be accessed on the Parish Council information website. He felt that all groups need to use it.

Peter informed the meeting that the VH was looking into alternative forms of heating, possibly LPG gas. It was felt that electric boilers would be too expensive. LPG would instantly remove the current problem of theft and alleviate the need to monitor oil levels in the tank. Julian has received a quote for a gas boiler, without a storage tank, of £4,000. A new oil tank would cost over £2,000 and there is an insurance excess of £250 to pay on each claim made for stolen oil.

Bryan Adams said that he had just put stick on lights in his premises at a relatively low cost to light his yard that are activated by movement.

Leanne asked about putting solar panels on the roof of the VH. It was noted that this would cost £8,500 although there may be a grant available towards that and any excess electricity could be sold back to the grid.

Leanne said that the Fish and Chip van are complaining about paying for an advert in the R & A. She will send an email suggesting that they pay £5 per visit thus halving the price to try to encourage his continued custom.

Date of next meeting.

12 March 2024 at 7pm