

Sopley Parish Hall Committee Meeting

8th January 2025 7.00p.m.

PRESENT: Caroline Paul, John Eccles, Rosie Ward, Cynthia Hiscock, Norman Hiscock, Sue Lister. Imogen Fidler, Nick Hill, Kit West

APOLOGIES. Katie Hughes

MATTERS ARISING

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Opening Nat West bank balance on 1st December = £13852.86

Total income = £462.25

Total expenditure = £2286.09

Deficit = -£1823.84

Closing bank balance on 30th December = £12029.42

As can be seen, expenditure well exceeded income for the month.

Not surprisingly, income from regular users and private parties had slowed significantly due to the Christmas period.

The cancellation of the SPH Christmas Party also rendered zero income from SPH community events, although we did receive a very generous donation from Norman Hiscock towards the Christmas Party costs.

The replacement of the Glass Washer has arrived and was invoiced during the month.

There have been no further costs associated with the HH Section 143 issue, although the project is ongoing.

Two payments were made during the month to the Section 143 loan account - for November and December.

The gutters were cleaned by Gutter Pro during the month.

EVENTS

Feedback on Christmas party cancellation.

Thorny Hill also cancelled their party. Suggestion that the event was not marketed as well as it could have been.

- Skittles numbers have booked 28 so far.
- Posters/publicity. Phil Dawson is no longer printing event posters. Cynthia had A2 posters printed for the skittles event at

a cost of £49.00 plus VAT. Action Cynthia will ask the cost of posters being laminated. It is hoped these posters can be updated for each event.

- Old posters to be sent to Katie to amend. Katie will put them on facebook.
- Katrina will ask Barbara Pope if the committee can advertise events via a banner on her garden wall.
- The committee will not run a St Patrick's night evening this year but will have a medium. Action Nick to contact medium.
- A W.I.member has offered to run a Barn Dance Action: Rosie to arrange date.
- Summer Fete: Caroline to make an appointment with Sopley village school to discuss the possibility of running a joint fete.
- VE Day 8th May Parish Council have proposed running an event jointly with the committee. Date to be set for meeting.

HALL BOOKINGS

Discussion on cost of hall hire.

Action: Rosie to find out cost of other local hall hire to ensure we remain competitive.

Revisit increase in price of hall bookings at next meeting

Imogen has received an enquiry regarding a booking over Christmas. Committee were hesitant to consider this without further details. **Action:** Imogen to find out more information.

Rabbits Shows. Members agreed rabbit shows can be held in the hall.

Action: Rosie to confirm agreement with Tina March who initially made the request.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Heaters: Heater in Festival Hall has now been repaired. There are not enough funds to repair the heater in Oak Hall at the moment.

Action: Rosie to chase up company re availability of spare parts

Update on outside development: additional work required as a result of collapsed drain which will increase the cost of the project.

Glass washer - has been delivered.

Fire Safety Inspection: carried out on 13th December

Gutters: have been cleared

Plumbing :(kitchen tap and heater in bar) **Action:** Nick to follow up.

Car Park: Cynthia has visited the shop to order the new signs but it is currently closed. **Action:** Cynthia will follow up.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Carried forward to next month

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Imogen informed committee that she will be moving out of the area during this year. Given how much work Imogen does for the hall she will be a very significant loss.

John has made a request for someone to take over the Treasurers position.

Recruitment for committee: More people are needed to help on the committee.

Cynthia and Sue have been looking at grants as a way forward to increase the hall's finances.

Date of Next Meeting

11th Feb. 7.00pm