



Goostrey Parish Council

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the MEETING ON TUESDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 2020 at 6.00 PM

Via VIDEO CONFERENCE

Present: Cllr N Beckham (NB)(Chairman), Cllr J Sulej(JS), Jacqui Schurer-Lewis, School (JS-L), Lyndsey Atkins, School (LA), Sally Ball, VHPFF (SB), Edna Brandreth, VHPFF (EB), and Terry Collins, VHPFF (TC)

In attendance: Sharon Jones, Clerk to the Council

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – There were no declarations of interest made.
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Roberts.
3. **RE-OPENING OF THE VILLAGE HALL** – To discuss the feasibility of re-opening the Village Hall and make a proposal to the Parish Council

Following the survey returns from the hirers who attended the Zoom meeting on 3rd September, there were very few groups who wished to return to their regular bookings in 2020.

The Government Restrictions on Social Gatherings introduced on 14th September 2020 exclude any groups who may have attended the Village Hall to meet in groups of between 10 and 28 people socially distanced that we could accommodate, and the increased responsibility of policing events to ensure that no more than 6 people attended would make re-opening the Village Hall very difficult.

The Village Hall Management Committee discussed the options and made the decision not to re-open until the new year, but that situation would be reviewed again in November and at that stage the re-opening date may need to be adjusted in accordance with Government Guidelines in place at that time.

Resolved: *The VHMC resolved to propose that the Parish Council does not re-open the Village Hall until the new year, and that the situation is reviewed again in November and subject to Government Guidelines at that time a date to re-open the Village Hall in 2021 will be put forward for Council approval.*

4. **VILLAGE HALL SUPERVISOR RECRUITMENT** – To discuss the possibility of sharing the supervisor with another Goostrey organisation

Resolved: *The VHMC agreed to hold a meeting with the interested party before November to discuss their requirements in further detail.*

Action: Clerk to organise a meeting with the interested party, NB, SB and herself.

5. **BORDER AT THE FRONT OF THE VILLAGE HALL** – Update

The Clerk reported that the border was cleared and rotovated apart from deep roots which were being treated by CTS Systems LTD and would be removed later.

Resolved: *The VHMC agreed to pay the £100 fee to CTS Systems Ltd for the works carried out.*

Action: Clerk to obtain advice on planting and quotes for the planting.

6. **BUDGET 2021/22** – Discuss items to be costed for Budget Meeting on 6th October 2020.

Items to be considered for next year's budget were put forward by members of the committee and include:

- Refurbishment of the Hall Floor
- Planning Maintenance – 6 monthly cleaning of the Lounge Carpet and Curtains
- Replacement Loft Ladder for reasons of Health and Safety
- Contribution to repainting of the Hall Walls (under the “crash barrier”)

Action: Clerk to obtain quotes for the VHMC Budget Meeting on 6th October 2020.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) PRS for Music Licence was due for renewal on 1st April 2020 for the year till 31st March 2021. As we have not been open there has been nothing to pay so far, however, we need to ensure the licence continues and given that it is unlikely we will re-open the Village Hall until 2021, the Clerk estimated a quarter of last year's events would be appropriate as any unused credits can be deducted from the licence for 2021-22.

Resolved: *The VHMC agreed to pay for one quarter of the previous year's events as a licence fee.*

- b) Request from hirer to hold dog training classes in the Hall

Resolved: *The VHMC resolved not to permit the holding of dog training classes in the Village Hall.*

Action: Clerk to notify the person who enquired.

8. **MINOR ITEMS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING** – There were no items raised.

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – The VHMC Budget Meeting will be held on 6th October 2020.