

**Fanshaws Room Committee meeting
held in Fanshaws Room
Thursday 19th January 2023**

Meeting opened at 7.05pm

Present: Linda Ashley, Brenda Lambie, Tony Roberts, Lawrence Price, Jean Retallick, Alison Blakey

Apologies for absence: Robert Williams

Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Matters arising. Linda has written to Oscars school confirming that he volunteered at the 2019, 2021 and 2022 village fetes helping to raise funds for various charities. This was requested for his Duke of Edinburgh award.

Minutes were signed as a fair report.

Treasurer's Report

There was no treasurers report as Robert Williams was away.

Hall Report

Maintenance on the hall is ongoing, there are no further plans for re-decoration but the new emergency exit doors were purchased and installed and have since been painted. Draft excluder still needs to be fitted which Tony has volunteer to do. Recently the cooker door needed re-fixing and John Lambie did this free of charge. There has also been a 'leak' reported around the door in the ladies' cloakroom area, the cause has proved difficult to identify but Brenda thinks we need to get a builder in to look at possible causes and to fix it as soon as possible. The hall is still cleaned every fortnight at a cost of £40 per month and this is set to continue.

Bookings are resuming, the only regular clubs are Pilates on Tuesday mornings and the NRCC who will be renewing their booking for 2023 shortly, having already agreed dates. There are some other cycle clubs who have booked occasional dates this year. There are now two music groups who occasionally use it and the usual children's party bookings are slowly returning. Brenda has recently shown a physiotherapist, who works with children on the autism spectrum, around and she has now emailed to say she would like to book the hall for Thursday and Friday mornings, starting in March; this will bring in a significant weekly income. We do need to clear a small place for her to store equipment and Brenda has spoken to the Chair of the PC and agreed to make space in the cupboard under the clock. On 4th May the hall will be used for Parish and District Councillor elections which we will also be paid for at an increased rate.

Currently payment for bookings is by cash or cheque but Brenda has spoken to our Treasurer with a view to getting a card machine since people increasingly do not use cheque books and although Brenda is happy to receive some cash, which facilitates paying the cleaner and buying things like loo rolls etc, it does sometimes mount up which she would like to avoid. Tony has a spare card machines and will supply and set one up for Brenda. Tony asked where the hall is advertised for rental and whether we need to increase advertising. Brenda said the hall is advertised in the Parish magazine and the eastherts.gov

website which lists all the village hall rentals in the area and brings in the majority of queries and rentals.

2022 Brickendon Fete

Tony reported that the village fete steering group thought the fete went well and was well organised.

The fete had additional entertainment some of which was successful and others less so. There were fewer cars using the car park in 2022 so the parking problems of 2021 did not occur. This meant less money was taken for parking but also less money taken on the raffle table. The car park raffle had not been held which in turn meant they did not have to go to the information and raffle tent and then be tempted into buying raffle tickets. The car park raffle will be reintroduced this year.

Tony briefly ran through where profits were made and lost. This will be looked into for the 2023 fete.

The three charities for donations of £500 each will be The Children's Meningitis Research Charity, Hertford Food Bank and the local refugee charity. Tony suggested that the donation to Meningitis Research be made through Sal's son who runs a Fundraising Page, the other donations will be made directly to the charities.

2023 Brickendon Fete

Tony, Lawrence, Sal and Pam will take on this year's fete. It will be on Sunday 3rd September. Linda asked how the food and drink venues worked last year and whether they would be the same this year. Tony reported that, although late, the bar worked well and had a good selection of drinks. They will be asked to return. Some of the food outlets worked better than others. The burgers may be run by the village this year. Linda can advise on how it has been run in previous years. They are also thinking of having a pizza stand.

Brenda has asked that a few A3 posters be printed and put up in future years as a reminder to locals and for those who do not use social media.

Brenda will book the hall out for the week before and the week after the fete.

Coronation Celebration

Sunday 7th May has been proposed.

Brenda suggested renting a large marquee for the event as the weather in early May could be bad.

Lawrence will ask if Alesha and her band are available on the day. If not he will source another.

Tony will look into providing BBQ

Alison will look into marquees.

Brenda will put a notice in the newsletter.

AOB

The Parish Council has asked if the Fanshaws Room Committee can contribute towards the playground refurbishment. Brenda suggested 50% of the cost and the committee thought this appropriate. This will be discussed with Robert.

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Next meeting Thursday 23rd March at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm