

**Fanshaws Room Committee meeting
held in Fanshaws Room
Thursday 3rd August 2023**

Meeting opened at 7.10pm

Present: Linda Ashley, Tony Roberts, Robert Williams, Lawrence Price, Jean Retallick, Alison Blakey

Apologies for absence: Brenda Lambie

Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

No matters arising – minutes approved.

Treasurers Report

There is a total of £25,150.96 in the Fanshaws Room bank account.

Robert has arranged for Brenda to have view only access to the online account and will be arranging for Lawrence Price and Alison Blakey to have the same access.

Three donations of £500 will be sent out shortly to the Children's Meningitis Research Charity, Hertford Food Bank and a Ukrainian Refuge Fund.

Hall report

Brenda submitted the following hall report

Bookings are satisfactory.

Brenda updated her notes to say that she has been notified by the physiotherapists that have been hiring the hall that they have now found permanent premises and will no longer be using Fanshaws Room.

The hall continues to be cleaned on a fortnightly basis at a cost of £40 per month plus cleaning products, loo rolls etc. Tony Roberts has fitted one new lavatory seat and Brenda has purchased another new seat (in the parish cupboard) since the other one is also showing signs of wear and tear. She is not aware of any other maintenance issues just now.

Banking hall income has become a bit of an issue now that HSBC in Hertford has closed.

However, Robert has obtained access for her to check our bank account so she can now consider hirers paying by credit transfer. Otherwise, she drives over to WGC to pay cash and cheques into the branch there.

Robert has two card readers, one of which will be given to Brenda. Tony Roberts will instruct her in its use and have the appropriate app downloaded to her phone.

Fete

Tony Roberts reports that arrangements for this year's fete are going smoothly. The Hertford Army Cadets will help this year and hope to be able to send as many as 15. They will be on duty from 10.30 to 4pm.

The bar and BBQ will be run by the village. 150 Burgers and 150 sausages will be purchased. People parking in the car park will be given a raffle ticket that they will need to validate at the raffle tent where contact details will be taken.

The fete will be advertised on the village website as well as other local websites.

There was a discussion about which charities would be supported by the proceeds of this years fete. The Cadets, Guide Dogs for the Blind, the Food Bank and the Charity for Autistic Children were proposed.

Robert would like a list of people who will need payment on fete day and whether they need cash or a cheque.

Christmas Party

Brenda's Report on the children's party.

This is booked for Saturday 9th December at Paradise Wildlife Park. Linda and Brenda are both overseeing that side of things and David and Steph Bertram have agreed to sort out the guest list, buy each child a present, wrap them and get them ready for Father Christmas. Soloman has agreed to be FC again this year and John will help him prepare and deliver him to PWP on the day. A big announcement will go into the Autumn Newsletter alerting families that they must contact David and Steph to be included.

Older Parishioners Lunch

Tony reported that Rachel at The Farmers Boy would like to host and pay for the lunch. It was suggested and agreed that Fanshaws Room would share the expenses. No date has been suggested as yet.

Hannah has the list of those who received hampers during Covid which will help to start a list of those who could attend.

AOB

Linda has looked at the environmental EIG scheme. This can give up to 50% of an agreed price for environmental work in the parish, up to £3000.

The Parish Council are considering designating wildlife/flower areas within the Village Green. Lawrence suggested including the small unused green on Fanshaws Lane. The P.C will put a plan together and Fanshaw's Room can then follow through with the proposal.

Some of the hedges need cutting back in the village as they are obscuring road sight. Hedges and trees by the tennis court need cutting back, Jean can't use her tractor here. Tony will find someone to do the work.

Benches for the Green.

FRC will pay for the two new benches as the PC has paid for the bases and installation.

It was agreed that FR will join the CDA at a cost of £40 p.a. The CDA supports village Halls including information on grants.

There was a brief discussion on plans for a Christmas/NY village social but no date has been set.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 7th September at 7pm

Meeting closed at 8.15pm