

**Fanshaws Room Committee meeting
held in Fanshaws Room
Thursday 16th November 2023**

Meeting opened at 7.05pm

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

Apologies for absence: Tony Roberts, Robert Williams.

Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes approved.

Matters arising

Invitations from Hannah's list of seniors have been sent out.

Brenda has removed the poster from the tennis court.

Treasurers Report

Robert emailed his report.

'I enclose a copy of the final Fete summary. It shows that we made a profit of £2,664 down slightly from the original estimate, this was due to extra expenses being declared. Roughly double last years figure, well done.

The balance in the accounts at the end of October is £27,129.98 for both accounts.

I have completed the forms to give Alison and Lawrence access to the online bank account, they will hear from HSBC in due course.

I have paid the fete donations for 2022 to Herts Welcomes Refugees and Herts Food Bank, and am checking the bank details for Child Meningitis. For 2023 donation I have paid Jedidiah.'

Alison will contact Robert with the names of the other charities.

Hall report

Bookings are up since Covid but still lower than hoped for. In addition to the regular bookings there are a couple of children's parties. Brenda reminded us that bouncy castles are not allowed in the Village Hall for safety reasons.

Christmas events.

Children under 7 will have a party at PWP on 9th December. David and Steph will buy the presents.

Carly at PWP needs to know how many children will attend.

Solomon is unable to help this year so John Lambie will be Father Christmas and Brenda his Little Helper. Linda will assist at the party.

Arrangements are being made for the Seniors lunch. Invitations have gone out to those on last year's list and enquiries made as to any others that should be added to this list.

The Christmas tree will be put up on the green week of 11th December.

The Village Christmas Social will be on Friday 15th from 7pm to 9pm. Singing Christmas Carols around the tree was thought to be a good idea but too complicated to organise.

Mulled wine, red and white wine, beer and soft drinks will be available. There will be an assortment of shop bought and homemade mince pies and sausage rolls. Linda will make mince pies, Alison sausage rolls. Lawrence will organise the music. Brenda has put the event on the Village WhatsApp.

AOB

Jean has weeded in front of Fanshaws Room.

Lawrence reported that the first phase of the Naturalising of one areas of the village green will go ahead. Volunteers will be needed.

80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings.

It was proposed that we celebrate the event at the Village Summer Social on Saturday 8th June from 5pm to 9pm. Alison will book the marquee. Lawrence will book the band.

The next meeting to be arranged

Meeting closed at 8.10pm