

**Fanshaws Room Committee meeting  
held in Fanshaws Room  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Meeting opened at 7.05pm**

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

**Apologies for absence:** Lawrence Price

**Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising**

Minutes approved.

**Matters arising**

Alison has ordered the Marquee from BK Marquees for the village social on the 8th June. Robert has paid the £200 deposit.

**The Green**

The Parish Council has been given first refusal to buy the Village Green from the present owner Mr Jenson. Tony is negotiating with Mr Jenson's land agent. If successful Tony is hoping that the Parish Council and Fanshaws Room will each be able to donate £10,000 each towards the purchase with the remainder being raised by village residents. There are other options but they would be more complicated and more time consuming. It is hoped that if a sale can be negotiated it could be completed within the next few months. Fanshaws Room Committee has agreed that this would be affordable and a huge benefit to the village now and in the future.

**Treasurers Report**

As of 29th February Fanshaws Room bank balance was £22,204

Robert has been in touch with National Westminster Bank regarding bank access for Lawrence and Alison. The bank informed Robert that they had not sent out the paperwork for this to be completed and that Robert will have to start the process again.

**Hall report**

Bookings for the hall are more or less at pre-pandemic levels just now. There is still a regular Tuesday morning Pilates booking and the cycle clubs are currently getting dates in the diary. North Road CC have just paid £660 for their season starting on Tuesday 7 May, with two Sunday sessions before that. There is also an election booking on 2 May for which we will receive £450. Brenda has re-designed the income/expenditure list for the coming year to incorporate space for Bank Transfers which have now taken over from cheques. Fortunately some still pay with cash which means the cleaner can be paid in cash and Brenda can purchase necessary cleaning items and loo rolls.

There is an intermittent roof leak in the ladies cloakroom which should be looked at by a roofer and mended during the summer. There are no other maintenance issues that Brenda is currently aware of.

**FETE**

Tony reported on behalf of the fete committee.

Marcus is booked and Lawrence is hoping to also book last year's band.

Birds of Prey, the Dog Show and St John's ambulance are all in place. The food and bar will be the same as last year.

Alison will start sending out the donation letter.

Brenda has spoken to Fiona about the Bayford School stall. Tony has not heard from her but will try to speak to her soon.

There are no issues of concern

### **Village Events**

#### **The lighting of The Beacon to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-day on 6th June.**

Tony reported that there will be a permanent concrete foundation for the Beacon into which will sit the removable telegraph pole with a metal basket on top for the Beacon.

As the concrete block will be permanent Brenda suggested putting it near to the village sign on the side of the green away from any trees and playing children.

This will need to be installed in the early spring to allow the concrete to cure and make a safe base for the beacon.

#### **Village Social on 8<sup>th</sup> June**

Tony will ask the Pizza company, the village BBQ team and the village bar team if they would be willing to work again at this year's event.

Lawrence will be asked to source a band for the evening

Tables, chairs, matting and dance floor have been ordered with the marquee.

### **AOB**

None

### **Next Meeting will be on 18th April and will include the AGM**

Meeting closed at 8pm