

Fanshaw's Room Committee Meeting
held in Fanshaw's Room
Thursday 17th October 2024

Meeting opened at 7.04pm

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

Apologies for absence: None

Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes approved.

Matters arising

None

Treasurers Report

Robert reported that as of the end of September FR had £12,946.88 and £9,856.26 making a total of £22,803.14, minus £10,000 for the purchase of the Village Green and £1000 for donations to this year's charities.

Hall report

Brenda reported that at present there are no maintenance issues.

There are a few parties and training days booked.

The cycling season is coming to an end and will restart in April/May next year. The cycling group may change the day of their hall booking.

Tony asked what the income is from the hall rentals. Robert did not know exactly without checking but the income is good and covers all costs.

The rental fee is £10 for residents and £15 for non-residents.

Payments are now mainly cash or direct bank payments.

Fete

Tony reported that the organisation leading up to the event was straight forward and the fete went well, especially as the Cadets were not in attendance this year.

The feedback was good as was the weather and atmosphere.

The food tent used two dumpy bags for rubbish which although initially seemed a good idea turned out not to be as all the rubbish had then to be put into black bin bags to be removed from the site. Next year the rubbish will be put directly into the bin bags.

Lawrence said that unfortunately the Birds of Prey had to cancel the night before. This was disappointing but unavoidable.

Linda noted that there was a problem with the car park vouchers not being filled in correctly. In future those in charge of parking need to be sure they fill in the whole ticket.

Some people were hoping to see wildlife boxes for sale. Perhaps next year either Dave, the outside woodworker or Hertfordshire Zoo can supply.

Robert said the takings for the fete were over £7000 but this is without deductions. The car park takings were down on last year, the raffle and teas were up.

Linda asked if the Fete Committee will do it again next year. Tony would not commit, at the moment.

Christmas Events

The children's Christmas Party will be held on 7th December at Hertfordshire Zoo. Brenda has sent last year's list of eligible children to Becky. Becky and Amanda will buy the gifts for the children and co-ordinate with Hertfordshire Zoo. Linda will contact Amanda. Brenda has advertised the event in the Parish Magazine. Linda will put it on the Village WhatsApp and remind parents to submit the names of any eligible children who are new to the village by 23rd November. John Lambie will be Father Christmas.

The older residents.

Rachel has offered to host the lunch at the Farmers Boy. She has offered to supply the food and Fanshaw's Room will pay for the drinks. This is the same as last year.

It will be held on Thursday 12th December.

Eligible older residents who can't attend will be given a hamper, which Hannah will organise.

Tony will ask Hannah if she will be able to supply and put up the Christmas tree on the village green. It was decided it should go in the same place as last year as it is central and close to electricity supply.

Future of Fanshaw's Room Committee

Since Covid there has been a large annual summer event with music, food and bar that has been free to residents. Unfortunately this can't continue unless more money can be raised for the village.

Lawrence suggested having a social working group to co-ordinate future events and create new types of events that may bring in funds.

AOB

Lawrence reported from the Environmental Group.

He has been coordinating with Andrew Taylor from Herts County Council.

There are a number of jobs that need to be done around the village, replacing fencing, bulb planting, reseeding, and creating wildflower areas.

The Countryside Management Team can help carry out the heavy jobs.

Funding is only available for biodiversity projects.

PC has set aside £2000 per annum for the next five years for non biodiversity repairs, maintaining Parish assets.

Lawrence is waiting for Andrew to confirm when the CMT will be available.

The bench on the Little Green will need funding.

Tony has replaced the tennis court notice board.

The tennis courts will need to be advertised in the early spring.

David Oates is looking into an electronic booking system.

Jean says the hedge around the tennis court needs to be cut back again.

Next Meeting will be on 16th January 2025 at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 7.28