

**Fanshaw's Room Committee Meeting
held in the Snug at the Farmer's Boy
Thursday 6th March 2025**

Meeting opened at 7.05pm

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

Apologies for absence: Robert Williams

Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes approved.

Matters arising

None

Treasurers Report

Robert's report by text. The cash in the bank at end February: £6,900.69 & £9,932.50

Hall report

Brenda says there is nothing major to report on the hall. The leak in the ladies' cloakroom appears to have subsided, eventually the ceilings will require repainting but not this is not urgent. Tony has asked Bruce to tell his roofer that we would like to proceed with the work proposed for the replacement of the guttering as discussed at the January meeting. Bookings are steady and there are local elections in May. The charge for renting the hall for the election is £500 as the hall is required from 6am until 10pm with full use of facilities. Additionally, Brenda will spend time arranging for delivery and collection of the polling booths.

The North Road Cycle Club will be renewing their annual bookings for 2025, although payment is a bit late for reasons that Brenda accepts. Other bookings include children's parties, meetings and training sessions. Brenda does not accept bookings for teenage parties or some adult events to minimise disruption to neighbours and the possible misuse of facilities. She also tends not to accept bookings when she is away, although it is still available to key holders like NRCC.

Recent outgoings have mainly been for cleaning which is still just £40 per month, and items like loo rolls and bin liners. We will have some idea of revenue vs costs when the accounts are completed but Brenda thinks that a profit is still made while maintaining the facility in good order for our own parish requirements.

Tony reminded Brenda to block out the village hall for the two weeks before and after the Village fete, which she has done.

Tony is arranging another Defibrillator course and will let Brenda know the date.

Village Fete

Tony reports that plans for the fete are going well and all the big ticket items are sorted. The band and food are booked. One of the sets for the band will be at the Farmers Boy as the fete will extend into the evening this year – as discussed at the January meeting. This still needs fine tuning with Rachel. Alison contacted Steven Oates and they will sponsor the fete

again this year. St John's Ambulance is booked although the form needs to be submitted. The Dog Show and Punch & Judy will participate as usual but there will be no Birds of Prey this year. Linda has spoken to the Fire Brigade and Herts Police, she asked when they would be needed and an estimate of numbers. Tony suggested 11.30 – 3.30 and for approx. 1500 persons. The committee agreed. Brenda asked if there would be anything new this year, Tony replied nothing so far.

Summer Event

At the previous meeting the annual summer social was to be held as normal on the village green on Saturday 21st June.

Tony proposed that instead of having two events in the village the Summer Social could be combined with the Farmers Boy's celebration of the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on Saturday 10th May. Rachel explained her ideas/plans for the event. It would be Street Party style with long tables in the pub garden and would be by invitation only. Every resident of the Parish would be invited plus some of the non-parish regulars of the pub. The day would start by Honouring the Fallen in the chapel grounds, there will be a display of WW2 memorabilia and musicians playing/singing wartime tunes. Rachel is hoping to have Jive classes in the back room, various period vehicles on display and childrens events. It would be advertised as a joint Fanshaw's Room / Farmer's Boy event. Volunteers would be needed for the distribution of village invitations plus set up and knock down. It was suggested that the invitations could be delivered by those who deliver the newsletter if they are willing. If not, other committee members volunteered.

Tony proposed that Fanshaw's Room make a contribution and Linda seconded the proposal.

Tennis Courts

Tony has changed the Tennis Courts maintenance schedule from four to three times a year. Tony has got a quote for the hedge work to be done and is waiting for another. He also had quotes for creating four new parking spaces but this has proved to be more expensive than anticipated.

There has been no update on the proposed Brickendon Tennis and Bayford Rugby membership club.

AOB

Lawrence reported that the volunteers from the Countryside Management group and the village volunteers were amazing and thanked them for their hard work. They cleared a large area of land around the pond and this now needs to be maintained. The next phase will be planting bulbs and seeding.

Brenda reminded everyone that the deadline for the Newsletter is beginning of April.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm