



## Friston Parish Council

Minutes of the Village Hall Committee meeting 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023 held in Friston Village Hall.

Present: Cllr S Jackson (in the Chair), Cllr P Carlaw and M Szpak  
In attendance: Phillippa Welby (Clerk) and one member of the public

### Minutes

**V33/23 Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Schedrin and Slack

**V34/23 Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations** - None

**V35/23 Minutes of the previous meeting:** The meetings of the previous meeting were agreed and signed by the Chair. Matters arising from the minutes were that only the toilets were being used for the performers before the two Church concerts rather than the Hall to rehearse in. This discussion gave rise to the possibility of a lock on the internal doors being fitted. PC will approach Barry Smith to get a quote for fitting a Yale style lock.

**V36/23 Open Forum** – The member of the public asked for an update on the cups and saucers grant application. The grant had been approved for the cups and saucers, side plates and a new kettle. The Clerk has a grant acceptance form to fill in and then the money should be transferred allowing her to purchase the items.

**V37/23 Bookings Update** – There are three regular bookings currently using the Hall, the weekly Pilates class, the monthly book club and TLC group. There is only one 'one off' booking in the diary which is the National Grid consultation day in November. This is disappointing as it was hoped to have attracted more regular bookings for groups to use the Hall. It was decided to try and get more advertising to a wider audience. The Clerk will look at how much it will cost to advertise in the Saxmundham News which is a glossy magazine that has a local circulation.

**V38/23 Business Cards** – It was decided to use Hetty's Little Copy shop for printing the 200 business cards at a cost of £50. These will then be divided up between the Committee to be left in strategic places in the local area.

**V39/23 Reclaim the Rain** – The main concern to the Hall is the flow of water from the Churchyard and car park that comes under the front door in times of heavy rainfall. It was agreed to support any scheme that could help alleviate this. As there is no land attached to the Hall it was difficult to see any other schemes that would work for water reuse except perhaps a greywater flushing system for the toilets.

**V40/23 Funding Sources** – Easyfundraising now has 24 supporters and has raised £48.17. It is positive to see both the number of people signing up to the scheme going up as well as the amount raised.

**V41/23 Future jobs and projects** – PC will contact the joiner to quote for the fire door in the kitchen that needs attention. Contact has been made with the Friston Players regarding the staging in the Hall loft. PC will continue to approach other instructors to see if there is any interest in bringing other activities to the Hall e.g. Yoga.

**V42/23 Correspondence** – None received.

**V43/23 Date of Next Committee Meeting** – 6<sup>th</sup> November 7pm

Signature of Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_