



Friston Parish Council

Minutes of the Village Hall Committee meeting 19th June 2023 held in Friston Village Hall.

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

Minutes

V20/23 Election of a Chair – Cllr Carlaw nominated Cllr Jackson for Chair this was seconded by Marie Szpak.

V21/23 Apologies for absence – Apologies received from Carole Slack. Jonathan Burch and Liz Thomas have resigned from the Committee.

V22/23 Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations – None.

V23/23 Election of a Vice Chair – Cllr Jackson nominated Cllr Carlaw as Vice Chair this was seconded by Marie Szpak.

V24/23 Minutes of the previous meeting: The meetings of the previous meeting were agreed and signed by the Chair.

V25/23 Open Forum – a member of the public requested that the Kingfisher Quartet be able to use the Village Hall to change and practise before the concerts for an hour in August. The Committee agreed to this on the proviso it doesn't clash with a paying booking or set a precedent for free Hall use. The group will not be using electricity and minimal water. Cllr Carlaw offered to check the hall and lock up after the group have used it before the concert starts.

V26/23 Booking Clerk – Liz Thomas has agreed to remain the booking clerk until a replacement has been found. Marie Szpak suggested that a thank you be sent to Liz for her work as booking clerk and agreeing to stay on.

V27/23 Bookings Update – the committee received a short report from the booking clerk. The Hall income in April, May and up to 12th June was £611 (£200 of this was the election fee). The PR company for National Grid has viewed the Hall to gauge suitability for the consultations.

Other possible bookings were discussed. Another Yoga or Pilates class would be appreciated. Cllr Carlaw will enquire at Leiston Sports Centre as to any instructors looking for another venue. The Clerk will ask Liz Thomas for details of current instructor.

Other possible ideas discussed were an autumn farmers market. The Clerk will put a piece in the Swift to see if anyone would be interested in running this.

V28/23 Contents review – Cllr Carlaw proposed that the Council replace the cups and saucers and side plates as these are the most used items on the proviso a grant could be secured. This was seconded by Cllr Schedrin. This was agreed. Clerk to write to ESC District Cllrs for advice on the Enabling Communities Budget. A new kettle and tablecloths was also discussed.

V29/23 Funding Sources – Easy Fundraising is at £34 with 22 supporters. The Clerk will put it in the Swift again to remind people to sign up. A 100 club was also discussed. Clerk to look into legalities of this.

V30/23 Future jobs and projects – Cllr Jackson proposed that the committee produces business cards to leave in shops, libraries and pubs. Clerk to get two more quotes to compare.

Cllr Carlaw still has one more quote to get for the proposed electrical works in the main hall.

V31/23 Correspondence – None

V32/23 Date of Next Committee Meeting – 14th August 2023 7pm

Signature of Chair _____ Date _____