

**Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust**  
**27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 8pm**

Present: Jonathan Birch - Chairman  
Karen Coningsby – Secretary  
Peter Haselden – Treasurer & Vice Chairman  
Steve Coningsby, Claire Hales, Steve Argent, Gabby Van Poorvliet,  
Paula Tucker

Holding Trustees – Lee Ginger

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Marine Boulter.

**2. Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of the 4<sup>th</sup> September and the minutes of the AGM were agreed and signed by Jonathan Birch.

**4. Matters Arising**

- **Web Site** – Lee to update at next Trust meeting.
- **Electric Charge point** – This was a follow up on the last meeting about whether it was beneficial to the Village to install electric charging points on the Village Hall Car Park. There are grants available from South Cambs but these would not cover the whole if the installation costs. Clare Hales said ACRE used Steeple Morden as an example but there were many households who did not have drives to install charging points. Claire to share link from ACRE, There has been no meaningful demand in the Village for charging points and there are very few households who do not have a drive to install charging points. There has also been no demand from any of the Village Hall groups for charging points. The Parish Council have not made any provision for charging points in their FY24/25 budget. It was agreed to not progress with charging points at this time and to review demand in 12 months time. CH
- **Poo Bins** - It was agreed that the Poo bins is to be moved to the side of the last parking bay. To check with Jonathan Burgess again. KC

- 5. Correspondence – Heating** - We have had several complaints regarding the heating as it was so cold in the hall. A heating engineer was called out and there was a sensor fault on the heat source pump. Valliant had to come and

fix it. Heating is now working. Temperature has been set to 18 degrees. Jonathan Birch suggested we write to Eco Energy to complain regarding the service we were given. This heating is not efficient. **JB**

6. **Table Tennis** – Nigel Strudwick complained about the hire charge. It was proposed by Nigel that each player pays £1.50. The players currently pay £1 each to play. Nigel pays the short fall as not everyone turns up all the time. It was suggested that the hire charge was reduced to the club. This was discussed and voted on with 1 for and 7 against. Although nobody wants the table tennis club to fold it was felt that the hourly cost needs to be met by the club. **PH**

### **Building, Lettings and Maintenance**

**Light & Alarm check** - Terry Allison checks lights and alarm.

**Paint outside of Hall** - Paint flaky around the eaves on the Village Hall. Some of the wooden parts are rotten. Steve Coningsby to sort out the woodwork and then right up a spec for painting. 2 quotes have been received. Stewart Littlefair £895 and Adrian Huffer £1050. All agreed on Stewart Little fair. Peter Haselden to get in touch with him to see when he can start. **PH**

**Garage** – The plans and quote are out of date. The plans need to be reviewed and new quotes obtained and then presented to the Village Hall and Parish Council. Peter Haselden to speak with David Grech. There will need to be fund raising undertaken if the committee wishes to go ahead with this redevelopment. The old quote was approx. £35,000 and it is expected the new quote will be significantly more due to inflation etc. The flood light at the back of the hall on the flat roof needs refurbishment. **PH**

**Solar Panels** – There was a follow up discussion on Solar Panels as an alternative and cheaper method of heating the village hall. It was agreed to investigate the cost of these plus what grants are available.

7. **Playground**  
Nothing to report from Jonathan Burgess. We are in discussion as to whether we need more equipment e.g. adult sports equipment. Paula Tucker will look for grants. Would we need 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability Insurance? **PT**

8. **Finance.**  
£8,500 revenue  
£7,100 cost  
£1,400 excess  
£39,000 cash  
£1,600 liability  
£37,400 of funds  
Open savings account £35,000 1.9% HSBC **PH**  
Will have a fixed price with British Gas as on 19<sup>th</sup> November.

**9. Polices & Procedures on hold**

Karen Coningsby and Jonathan Birch to draw up a list below is what has been on all previous minutes.

Production of policies is on-going:

Safeguarding – Karen Coningsby

Health & Safety - ??

Finance – Peter Haselden

Trustee Rolls & Responsibilities – Gabby Van Poortvliet has sent shortened version to all Trustees.

Jonathan Birch to up date the deeds.

**JB**

**Events**

- 10. Film Night** – Proposed next event to be early Jan and the following one in March. Paula Tucker will contact Steve Cross with dates to see when he is free. We will need a tens license. Top Gun Maverick is a possible movie choice. Charge £5 each.

**PT**

**Quiz Night** – Jonathan Birch as offered to run one. Date to be confirmed.

**JB**

**KC**

Caravanners are interested in coming again in 2024 need to look at dates.

- 11. AOB** – Events for Agenda – Quiz night and Race nights.  
Will Elbourn is interested in purchasing the old railings.  
Table Tennis Club could apply for a grant from the Parish Council.

**Dates for this year.**

2024

15 Jan

4<sup>th</sup> March

20<sup>th</sup> May

1<sup>st</sup> July

2<sup>nd</sup> September

4<sup>th</sup> November

6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025

**Meeting finished at 9.08pm.**

**Date of next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 8pm**