

**Porchfield and Newtown Village Hall
Committee Meeting
Wednesday 10th November 2021**

Present Paul Hewson(Chairman) Peggy D Hewson(Secretary) Richard Mathrick
Jean West Pauline Mayer Mrs V Taylor (CPC Rep)

Apologies Tim Markovitz Sue Markovits Prue Osborne (Treasurer) Natasha
Osborne Lynda Pike

Minutes of the October meeting were agreed and signed

Matters Arising The four lights to be fitted in the cloakrooms, vestibule and
storeroom will need to be fitted by an electrician.

Finance In the absence of PO the chairman gave the financial report, a copy is
attached to these minutes. It shows a bank balance of £21556.63 and a cash
box amount of £323.70 giving a total of £21,880.33.

RM was reimbursed £114.99 for our new Christmas Tree.

The hall insurance of £540.55 was paid to Norris and Fisher of which £200 will
be refunded to the hall funds by the Calbourne Parish Council who are
responsible for the building, the insurance cost of which has been borne by the
Hall for approximately the last eight years

Buildings and Maintenance

Lights. Covered in matters arising. We will also obtain a quote at the same
time for replacing the ceiling lights in the hall with LED's in the interest of
running costs and efficiency.

Shed Bases. PDH enquired about the cost of the bases being advised to the
PNVHC when the tender was decided as we have agreed to pay for them but
feel we should know the cost and see the quote at the appropriate time rather
than be presented with a 'fait accompli'

Events

Skittles. Numbers to be limited to 24. The poster was passed round the
committee for approval and agreed. PH will copy, laminate and distribute.
The next two events are in the planning stage as mentioned in the October
minutes.

Tea & Chat LP suggested we give everyone who attends the Christmas event
a small gift of sweets or biscuits. After some discussion it was agreed that PDH
would purchase confectionery, a bowl of which would be placed on each table
for people to help themselves.

JW will buy two tins of biscuits as part of the raffle prizes.

Bookings are going well but unfortunately the new Pilates class is temporarily
on hold due to a 'covid' scare.

CPC report.

This was given by Mrs Valerie Taylor who, as we only found out a couple of hours before this meeting, is the new CPC rep for the village hall.

The Calbourne Parish Council has vacancies one of which has been filled by co-opting Mr Colin Marsh a resident of Porchfield.

We were advised that if anyone wishes to stand for the CPC their nomination must be with the Returning Office by the **24th November 2021.**

Mrs Taylor expressed regrets that Mr Mathrick had resigned from the CPC and echoed by the PNVHC.

Underpinning of part of the Village Hall

There were six companies invited to tender but not all replied. Names and quotes are not at present in the public domain. One company has been invited to undertake the work by Cowans the consultants and the CPC is awaiting their reply. The CPC has finance arranged to cover the cost

PH queried that he had been told of the levelling of the floor which he felt could lead to problems in the area of the double doors (emergency exit). We were advised that this matter had not been part of the tender and was not planned as part of the work. There is no start date or timescale as yet available.

PH queried why the CPC minutes of the meeting on the 1st November were not available when after the previous CPC meeting the minutes were available on the same night. The CPC Rep advised that she had been extremely busy and that they would be available shortly.

There were congratulations all round at the successful conclusion to the joint effort to remove the two abandoned vehicles, one outside the village hall and one in Colemans Lane.

The committee while very pleased with the hedge being cut, pointed out to the CPC rep that it's width still takes up a lot more room in the garden and the car park than it did some years ago. Mrs Taylor has suggested that she meets with one of the committee in daylight to inspect the hedge.

Any other business

Key Codes PH will be changing both the external and internal key safe codes and advising the committee verbally, for obvious reason, of the new codes. These should not be disclosed to anyone not on the committee.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 8th December 2021