

**Porchfield and Newtown Village Hall
Committee Meeting
Wednesday 9th February 2022**

Present Paul Hewson (Chair); Richard Mathrick; Pauline Mayer; Tash Osborne; Prue Osborne (Treas); Peggy Hewson (Sec); Sue Markovits.

Apologies Jean West; Lynda Pike.

Minutes of January 2022 meeting. Agreed as a true record. Proposed by Pauline Mayer, Seconded by Prue Osborne. Passed unanimously.

Matters Arising None

Finance Financial Report given by Prue O and attached to the archive minutes of this meeting. Tea and chat did very well achieving a total profit of £98.80 as did the Bingo evening raising £105.55 after £80 paid in prize money.

At the June 2021 committee meeting it was decided to award the treasurer a £25 stipend to cover expenses and time that this position incurs. Unfortunately this has not been possible as it appears the treasurer is not allowed to receive these funds. As the secretary has already waived her right to the stipend it was decided that committee members should if they wish claim any expenses they incur. Though this has always been the case quite often expenses have not been claimed.

Buildings and Maintenance Underpinning. Progress on the underpinning of the hall. After a site meeting at the hall on Wednesday 2nd February, a start date of Monday 7th March with completion on Friday 15th April has been advised. A container will be delivered the week before and the committee will arrange to move the contents of the sheds. The hedge is to be trimmed to make room for the container and should be actioned between Tuesday 22nd and Friday 25th February. Paul H will arrange to disconnect the outside light.

The minutes of the site meeting giving full details of the order of work is attached to the archive minutes of the February committee meeting.

We have seen the quote for the underpinning but there are certain works regarding the path by the sheds which we are listed to pay for but will be querying.

One of the inside cracks affects one of the murals and if the integrity of the hall is to be preserved the mural will be badly damaged when repairs take place, so it is likely that we shall be unable keep them.

The emergency doors need repainting, rainwater ditch and gutters clearing. All these have been added to the refurbishment list for action after underpinning works are complete.

Discussions took place regarding the closure of the hall and it was decided unanimously that the hall would close for the duration of the work partly due to health and safety given that the contractors will have only one entrance to hall grounds available.

Electrics

PH arranged for an electrician to quote for installing the four new fittings in the

storeroom, lobby and toilets. He is also going to quote for replacing all the lights in the main hall with LED's including the wall lights and those could be operated by a dimmer switch giving us the advantage of having lighting to suit the occasion. We have a choice of bulb colour but the preference seems to be for 'warm white' PH suggested buying one light and bulb and trying it out as the correct lighting is essential to the ambience of the hall.

Events PDH will organise a quiz and this will be the first event after the underpinning is completed but the date cannot be fixed at the moment.

Platinum Royal Anniversary

The committee has agreed that we hold one event on Thursday 2nd June which will set the ball rolling for Porchfield and Newtown area and also not clash with other groups.

Correspondence Acknowledgement of our letter of the 12th January to the Parish Council and our request for it to be added to their agenda.

We received an advert regarding a new IOW television station.

A notification was received that we could receive new door notices for homes in the area which state 'we do not buy at the door'. If any one would like a notice please contact Prue/Tash Osborne on 821250

Any other business Redundant **Porchfield Telephone Box**. Main Road. PO has asked if the committee have any objection to her contacting the authorities with a view to taking over the telephone box for a swap library, seed exchange etc. All Agreed.

Litter PM has suggested a 'litter pick'. However various individuals have 'done their bit' in recent years but the amount of litter now, would suggest we need more of an organised attack on the problem. It needs someone to coordinate this task. This problem remains pending.

Next Meeting 9th March. Venue to be arranged.