

**Porchfield and Newtown Village Hall
Committee Meeting
Wednesday 12th January 2022**

Present. Prue Osborne. Sue Markovits. Paul Hewson. Richard Mathrick. Pauline Mayer. Tash Osborne. Tim Markovits. Peggy Hewson.

Apologies. Lynda Pike. Jean West.

Minutes of December Meeting. Minutes agreed unanimously as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

CPC Report. A Parish Council Representative did not attend therefore we did not receive a report. We still have no date for the initial site meeting or a starting date for the underpinning.

A letter has been drawn up highlighting the deterioration of the relationship between the Calbourne Parish Council and the Hall committee and the reasons for it. This was read out to the members present. It was proposed that the letter should be delivered by hand to the Chairman of the Parish Council, and an email, letter attached, sent to the councillors whose email addresses were available.

This email, with attachment, also to be sent to the committee members to confirm the discussion and decision of the meeting.

This was proposed by PDH, seconded by PO and carried unanimously.

A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes.

Finance. PO gave the usual finance report (attached). The SEB gave us a generous 6p (sixpence) refund and Amazon Smile charity realised a donation of £8.16p.

The bank has not been able to arrange the agreed stipend and has paid £100 compensation to the PNVH account as recompense. It was agreed that a quarterly cheque would be issued to rectify the matter.

Buildings and Maintenance.

Benches. TO suggested we have outside seating. This has been added to the refurbishment list which grows ever longer as we wait for the Parish Council and the contractor to get on with the underpinning.

Events. Bingo. The cricket club is having a Bingo night on the same night as our planned Bingo night, the 12 February. In order not to clash we are bringing ours forward to the 5th February. The cost will be £7.00, the larger percentage being given in prizes. It will be a 'Bring your own food' supper, not to be shared. This is to minimise 'covid' risk of people moving around.

Platinum Jubilee. We are discussing this event with a view to planning early to make it special. There have been several suggestions and we are also trying to find out about other local events in order not to clash. PDH has asked the

committee members what they would like to do to celebrate and let her know by email. She will then collate the suggestions so that we can have an in depth conversation with some ideas at the ready.

Bookings. TO met with a group of three carers who look after three Cerebral Palsy sufferers with a view to hiring the hall. They were extremely pleased with the standard of our hall and wish to hire it. However this will not happen until the underpinning is completed as they cannot be without a venue. They will be hiring it twice a week for two three hours sessions, increasing the hall income by £45 per week.

Pilates/Yoga. This new group started a six week run on Tuesday 11th January very successfully as there were twelve attendees.

Meeting closed at 7.28pm.

Next Meeting. Wednesday 9th February.