

Great Cressingham Village Hall Committee Meeting
Thursday 30th May 2019 at 4pm

1) Welcome and Apologies

Present:

Merrick Smith, Anna Smith, Sally Lovick, Pat Newman, Elaine Schofield, Pauline Ford, Lavinia Chapman and guest, Caroline Partridge

Apologies:

Ann Jarvis, Keith Ford

2) Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

3) 120 Club

Winning ticket 3, Elizabeth Sackett

Last month's winner, S Jarvis has kindly donated the £10 prize money back to the Village Hall funds.

4) Finance

Income	£600.21
Payments	£3,289.09
Assets	£2,638.56

SL confirmed that the Village Hall 120 Club is registered with the local authority.

5) Items to be raised for discussion by committee members

a. Easter Saturday Event

- i. SL mentioned that not every child had a quiz sheet as some families only bought one for the family. This meant that not every child got a prize. The left-over cream eggs will be sold at 4 for £1 at future VH events.
- ii. The Raffle took the most money at £124. AS added that all prizes were donated by local people and businesses but it is an extremely time-consuming process actually getting them but well worth it.
- iii. CP said that it was obvious that a number of people were waiting until the end of the event to buy cakes and so for future reference it might be better to bag items up into 50p, £1, £2 ... amounts. AS suggested not having a sale at the end so that people who wanted cakes would need to buy at the "full" cost, which is inexpensive anyway. Maybe donate them to a food bank? We would need to display a big sign so that people would be aware that there is no selling off at the end. As the next Cake 'n Bake stall will be at the Christmas Fair followed by the Bingo in the evening there won't be a sell off sale necessary as the bakes will be sold at the Bingo.

- iv. It was considered that using the stage was a good idea as it left more room for seating but that brighter lighting might improve the amount of people venturing up there.

b. Potential Joint Village Green/Village Hall Event

A joint venture was suggested by Ian and Jan at Holly House which would consist of an evening's entertainment next summer. Ian has several contacts including a magician, "Chaz and Dave" type act, comedian and singers who may perform for free but would need expenses. All agreed it would be a good idea and came up with some questions to put to Ian and Jan at a subsequent meeting with the Village Green Committee:

- i. What exactly is the entertainment on offer?
- ii. What dates might be available?
- iii. Would it be family friendly?
- iv. Should we consider catering?
- v. Should we sell tickets in advance?
- vi. Can we cope with a big event regards security, first aid, parking?
- vii. The Village Hall has a capacity of 125 seated, what about advertising/selling to family and friends or people who already attend events?
- viii. What expenses are involved – travel, overnight accommodation, meals?

c. Potential future Village Hall enhancement projects

- i. Heating
- ii. Redecoration
- iii. Re-gravel car park
- iv. Storage – shipping containers cost in the region of £800
- v. Refurbish bar area

MS has arranged for Eon to quote for solar panels. He will also get a quote from Tony Abel's company. Screwfix and the Wind Farm have pockets of money to support local projects as well.

SL said that Chris at the Grange has offered to help with grants.

SL said that we may be able to afford a shipping container by the end of the year.

MS to make enquiries about shipping containers.

d. Coffee/Nostalgia Morning

SL to collect books from Marcus. There will be refreshments, bric-a-brac and card sales. ES and AS will bake cakes for refreshments. LC will bring 2 books about St Michael's for people to view as well. The VH Committee members will be there at 9am set up and to help on stalls and refreshments.

6) AOB

Meeting closed 17:05

Next meeting Thursday 4th July 2019 at 4pm

Signed by Merrick Smith, Chairman

Date