North and South Wheatley Village Hall Management Committee meeting Tuesday 21 January 2025



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Present:

Rebecca Decker Vice Chair

Rose Sharpe Secretary/Treasurer

Anila Bowman. Village Rep

Christine Crowther Clays Gardening Club rep

Fiona Dale Village Rep Kimberly Goodwin Village Rep

Charles Hall. Church in Wheatley Rep
Dee Miles Family History Group Rep

Amy Pearson Tennis Club Rep Katie Stockdale Village Rep

1 Apologies:

Sue Hayden Parish Council Rep
Dave Hulson Bowls Club Rep
Jan Mitchell. Village rep

Laura Pearson Village Rep

2 Minutes from November meeting (previously circulated)

Accepted as a true record and signed by RD

3 Matters arising (not on the agenda)

The central heating thermostat has been adjusted by Chris S and the heating is now working properly (fingers crossed).

RS has amended the booking form to include the offer of the committee running a bar for a private booking

RS has sorted building keys for SH/DH.

DM has booked Automatic Fishcake for Saturday 11 October 2025

CC has produced an advert to gauge interest in setting up afternoon sessions of cards which will be included in the next newsletter

4 Treasurer's December Finance Report. (attached to agenda)

No questions/ comments

5 Treasurer / Secretary's Report (attached to agenda)

Grants

We have been successful in obtaining a de-carbonisation grant ((UKSFP funding) of £5000.00 towards the cost of the installation of **solar panels** on the village hall roof. The installation will take place during February half-term to minimise disruption in the car park. We will need to contribute £1400.00 towards the total cost.

Whilst doing the research for the project, it was found that the **roof insulation** at the hall is only 100mm and needs increasing significantly. We have obtained a grant of £200.00 towards the cost of this from John Ogle's Councillors' Divisional Fund and this week, the Parish Council agreed to give us £1000.00 as match funding for the insulation. We will fund the remainder which is likely to be in the region of £1000.00, dependant on which of the 3 quotes obtained is accepted by the committee.

Sound Insulation in the hall is another project needing funding. We have 3 quotes but will need to look for grants to cover the cost.

Broadband

Another thank you to Steve Wilson as, once again, he has come to our aid when dealing with British Telecom and our broadband service. Following the Openreach engineer's visit last September we were assured that there would be no charge for the visit as we had experienced a service which was not fit for purpose.. the January account included a bill for £245.00 for the services of the engineer. Thanks to Steve, we have now received a credit for £245.00

Small Lotteries Licence

RS has renewed this licence for another year at a cost of £20.00 which enables us to hold raffles etc.

Business Rates

RS has applied once again for discretionary rate relief which reduces our Business Rates bill. Fingers crossed we are awarded 80% as last year.

Electricity Meters for Bowls Club and Parish Council

RS has asked KD to invoice the Bowls Club and the Parish Council for the electricity used by each of these groups from January 2024 - January 2025. Meters for these are housed in the boiler room so we are able to check the electricity used by the PC (for the community shelter and street light) and the Bowls Club. They also pay a percentage of the annual standing charge.

Village Halls' week

This year, Village Halls week will be March 17 - 23 During the week halls are encouraged to hold events, share stories and be inspired! Our Bingo Night falls during the week so we can use it as an opportunity to promote the hall.

6 Caretakers reports: (attached to agenda)

Main points arising:

The glass washer needs emptying and cleaning after use, not always done.

Kitchen sink tap needs attention to stop it dripping (Chris to check)

KD's village hall front door key needs replacing. (RS to action)

Can group reps please send their booking forms to KD if not already done so Table Tennis has not made any more bookings

Can enquiries for potential bookings please be directed to KD to organise and oversee

KD on holiday 31.1.25 - 8.2.25 . Committee members will need to assist with bookings re keys, cleaning etc.

Action:RS and SH/DH to organise for Tai Chi, Dance, Quiz. . RS to ask JM for Pilates and Line Dancing

7 Report back from Parish Council meeting 14/01/25

SH was not present but had previously reported that the PC has agreed to match fund the insulation to the sum of £1000.00. They may also consider support for a battery for storage at a later date.

8 Newsletter

Discussion took place as to how many issues we should produce and it was agreed to make it quarterly. It would be good to know the schedule for the PC newsletter so we don't clash.

Action: Items to DM asap for a winter / January edition.

Action: RD to check whether Julie is still able to print our newsletters and if not we will source another printer, possibly asking for individuals or groups to sponsor a copy.

Post meeting note: Julie has very kindly agreed to print the newsletter as before

9 Maintenance

RS reported that she has asked KD to resume the job of carrying out the regular checks of the fire alarm, emergency lighting etc, to book the annual PAT and electrical testing and to book the boiler services and to add the time involved to her monthly invoice.

10 Website/Social Media update

Now the Line Dancing class is going to continue following its successful first couple of weeks, RD will add the information to the website, fb page etc.. She will also add the committee minutes.

Action: RD to update the website and fb

11 Fundraising

The Big Quiz. Saturday 25 January 2025

Arrangements:

Door. RS

Bar purchase : JM. Bar set up : Chris

Bar: Chris, Geoff for first half hour, RD at times

Kitchen: Geoff

Serving: Geoff, RS, Fiona R., SH,

Meet the Neighbour Friday 7 February 2025. 5pm - 8pm

RD has managed to book Madame Crepe for the evening.

Bar - Alex. (Anila to confirm)

Helpers: RS, RD, KG, FD. KS

RD to confirm setting up time with KD and cttee..

MTN then on the first Friday of each month. RD has had difficulty organising food trucks but will keep trying. Time and Plaice not able to come on Friday nights. It was suggested we could 'produce' our own jacket potatoes for one evening, possibly March? RD has organised a Curry Truck in May.

Valentine's Night Dinner: cancelled

Bingo Night Saturday 22 March 2025

It was agreed to charge £10.00 entry. JM and CC to prepare a hot supper.

JM has confirmed details with Elaine

DM to include details in the newsletter and RS will produce posters for the noticeboards

Details to be finalised at the February meeting

Jonny and Lynnette Saturday 5 April 2025

RS has confirmed the booking with J and L. Booking fee is £320.00

Tickets £15.00 to include a hot supper.

Details to be finalised at the February meeting

Treasure Hunt

After discussion, it was agreed to hold the Treasure Hunt on Monday 5 May, which is Bank Holiday Monday, starting at 1pm..

Adults £8., Children under 14 yrs £5., under 5s free.

It was agreed to not have a BBQ but an 'afternoon tea'. ...bar will be open.

Action: DM to contact Greenacres at Worksop to see if they will be able to donate the sandwiches.

Safari Supper. Saturday 20 September 2025

Format and price as before. Details to be discussed at a later meeting.

12 Bar Chillers and Private Bars

KD has been researching bar chillers and found a new double one costs in the region of £400.00. This would make setting up the bar much easier and quicker and be more efficient than the fridges currently in use. The meeting agreed to fund a chiller

Action: KG to present chiller options and costings for the next meeting

DM and RS both suggested bringing in a charge of £20.00 for the committee to run a bar for a private event. This was agreed as a good idea. *This needs to be mentioned to hirer when enquiring about a private bar. (KD/JM)*

KS, KG and RD indicated they would be willing to run a bar.

13. SumUp/IPAD

KG brought in the village hall's IPAD and showed RS how to use it for the bar at the Quiz Night. (Chris is running the bar for the event)

14 Bassetlaw Cluster Group Meeting

The next meeting is Tuesday 4 February 2025 10am - 12 at Sutton- cum-Lound village hall. RS will probably attend

Post meeting note: SH and DH to also attend (RS to book with RCAN)

16 AOB

FD asked what the procedure is now Julie, our Chair, has resigned. RS indicated that RD, our Vice Chair, will be acting Chair and a new Chair elected at the committee meeting immediately following the AGM in May.

RS asked if someone could write up a short monthly paragraph with the Village Hall news and forthcoming events for Retford Life....no volunteers

RD led a vote of thanks for Julie Davies who has recently resigned from the Chair and the committee. Julie was instrumental in leading on many aspects of the recent bar re-development. Thank you Julie.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 18 February 2025 at 7.30pm