

MINUTES
ENGLISH BICKNOR VILLAGE HALL and BAR

A Committee Meeting of E.B. Village Hall & Bar was held in the Bar on Monday 21st Nov 2022 at 9.00 pm after the AGM.

PRESENT:

Mr P. Gwilliam (Chairman), Mrs S Shelbourne (Secretary), Mrs J Maxfield (Whist), Mrs D Gwilliam (FOSM & Functions), Mrs M Fox (Tuesday Lunch), Mrs Z Roberts (Village Rep), Mrs J Blakemore (J B) (WI), Mrs C Sandler (Gardening), Mrs J Bradley (Bookings Secretary), Miss L Bonser (School), Mr R Waldon (Social Treasurer), Mrs A Watkins (Vice Chair), Mrs R Lacey (History Group).

APOLOGIES:

Mr K Froud (Table Tennis), Mr J Carrick (Parish Council). Mrs J McHattie (PCC)

1. Minutes of last meeting

These were accepted as a true record.

2. Actions from Last Meeting

Mr Tabbere's resignation as trustee has been received. Thanks to CS for getting the letter from him. **Action closed.**

Projector keys have now been added to the main VH key bunch. **Action closed.**

Car Park security light is required. **Action still open, PG to investigate.**

Land Registry – VH not registered. **Action still open PG.**

New patio edge trip hazard will be resolved when further car park work is carried out. **Action Closed.**

SY wanted access to the VH booking system. DG has sent the link but SY cannot see the calendar. DG thinks she needs to install Goggle Calendar app on her phone or laptop. **Action closed.**

Main hall toilet light being left on. Can automatic lights be installed? **Action still with PG to investigate.**

Fire Alarm reset instructions – if alarm sounds, evacuate and await the Fire Service who can reset the alarm or ring SS or PG to reset the alarms. WI have appointed a Fire Officer. Instructions are on top of the alarm box. **Action Closed.**

Sale of small container completed £1500 raised. **Action Closed.**

CS wanted it in the minutes that at a previous committee meeting the committee was told that a full fence would be placed around the new children's play area. This statement is not recorded in any previous minutes. Only knee rails are required around the play area.

3. Sub Group Governance Update

RL explained that the sub group was working on giving more clarity of the rules which govern the VH and Bar. This includes reviewing historic rules and determining the standing of the now disbanded Social Club. RL confirmed that as the Social Club now has no members it does not have a 'corporate identity' in legal terms so it can be dissolved. The sub group consists of RL, PG, DG, SS and SY,

however SY has stood down as WI Representative and is no longer on the committee so she will need to be replaced with another committee member.

New rules will be placed on the VH Website when the site is active and updated.

4. Functions Committee.

Friday 25th Nov Christmas Tree lights switch on, bar and nibbles.

Saturday 3rd December Christmas Bazar and coffee morning.

Saturday 10th December Drybrook District Male Voice Choir.

The VH has looked into providing a 'Warm Space' this winter to help those who are struggling to heat their homes due to the cost-of-living crisis. Even with a grant from the FOD District Council it would not be financially viable to offer this facility.

ZR asked if a small furniture sale could be held? **Action** PG to consider this request.

5. AOB

ZR asked if the trees adjacent to the road need to be trimmed. PG pointed out that they are subject to a preservation order. **Action** PG to discuss at the next EB Parish Council Meeting.

Jane Blakemore (WI) had a query from SY stating that the projector was at a height and not easy to operate. SS responded that the projector remote control should be used.

RL raised the point that we should consider increasing the size of the committee to bring in new ideas. The AGM highlighted the fact that the community wanted more engagement with the VH and visibility as to what the committee is planning. The committee could be expanded to include positions such as:

A second Village Representative

A Maintenance Manager

A Bar Manager.

The VH also needs additional Trustees.

Action This subject needs further consideration by the Chairman.

It was also proposed, as a result of comments from the floor during the AGM, that we have an 'open' committee meeting where members of the parish can attend. Any such meeting should be advertised in the Parish Magazine.

Action The Chairman will select a date for the 'open' meeting.

CS asked to see a copy of Mt Taberer's letter of resignation as a trustee. (Post meeting note. As the letter was addressed to the Chairman CS is requested to discuss this request with him).

CS also asked if previous MOM are available to read. JE stated that he had electronic and hard copies of MOM from 2018. The Chairman had older copies. MOM will be placed on the VH Website when it is active again.

The Chairman welcomed to the committee Mrs Jane Blakemore who has replaced Mrs S Yem as the WI Representative.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9: 45p.m

The next Meeting is **13th Feb 2023 7.30 pm.**

Signed