

Onibury Village Hall Minutes of Meeting
7th March 2023

1. Attendance

Tony Mantle, Vicky Mantle, Marion Jones, Jill Owen (Parish Council), Lydia Jones, Michael Powell Tony Davies

2. Apologies

Peggy Jones, Caroline Bywater, Rachael Bollom,

3. Authorisation of minutes of meeting of 3rd February 2023

Signed as a true copy, although the date of 3rd January had been amended.

4. Election of Officers

The Chair stood down, and Vicky sought nominations for Chair. Tony was proposed by Marion and seconded by Tony Davies. There were no other nominations. Tony M resumed the Chair.

Secretary, Treasurer and Bookings Secretary remained in post unopposed.

Peggy had decided to retire from the Committee. Vicky to write a letter of thanks. **ACTION:** Vicky

5. Matters Arising

Hedges & Trees on Car Park – work had been completed to an excellent standard by Oli Francis; Tony had met him on site to review progress. There had been an issue with one of the trees on Sir Laurie's land as it was fouling the electricity cables and yet to be completed. The fence between the two properties had been dismantled and needed to be replaced by the owner.

Light in Store Room – work outstanding

Leaking Roof over stage – work completed. A bill had been received from David Owen which was passed to Mike for payment.

Terms of Hire – Tony Had drafted a revised terms of hire which was circulated for comment at the next meeting. **ACTION: All**

Marion asked for clarification on the use of bouncy castles. Mike confirmed that our insurance policy does not allow for their use either in, or outside the hall.

6. Treasurers Report

Business Account £Redacted Community Account £Redacted

All payments up to date.

Mike had read the electricity meter and the most recent bill from Npower showed a credit of £500 which would be reclaimed. The contract ends in March and Mike was "shopping around for new provider" as charges were going up a lot.

7. Maintenance Issues

A light in the gent's toilet had failed and been replaced.

Marion asked if the hedges around the car park could be trimmed. Tony M suggested he would contact Oli Francis. **ACTION:** Tony M

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8. Fundraising

All usual bookings continue. No need for fundraising events at this time.

In light of Mike's report about power charges, it may be prudent to review Hire Charges. **ACTION:** Next meeting

9. AOB

Refuse Collection – Marion had been advised by Veolia that the VH is liable for charges and needed a Waste Management Contract. Tony M had contacted them, negotiated but a charge of £165 per annum will be made.

Marion pointed out that she had been forced to move the VH bins as they were being used regularly for waste from other premises. She made a point of emptying the waste bin by the notice board as when it was overflowing it was unsightly for VH users. Tony stressed that this was a council matter which needed to be reported through the Parish Council and Marion should not be emptying it herself. Jill said that the PC are aware of the problem and the condition of the bin having reported it several times. She would raise the matter again. **ACTION:** Jill

Nappy Bin in Baby Change area – Vicky suggested that a second bin be placed in the area, clearly marked "Nappies". Marion said this is in hand.

Village Parking – Jill gave an update of a meeting she had had with Andy from the Apple Tree. This was in response to several complaints from villagers concerning parking outside the pub which was obstructing footpaths and junctions. Jill had suggested a further sign to indicate that pub users should park on the VH Car Park. Both she and Andy felt that the current sign on the front wall of the VH which says "Private Car Park" was off-putting for those looking to park.

Tony M gave the background to the parking arrangements ie school and Apple Tree users were encouraged to use the VH rather than obstruct footpaths, however it is a Private Car Park and the sign needed to remain to make that clear. There were regular problems with motorhome/campervans parking overnight.

Vicky suggested that we look at rewording the sign to the agreement of all concerned. Tony asked whether the PC and/or Apple Tree would contribute to costs. Jill said this could be considered. **ACTION:** Wording to be considered.

Officer Positions on the Committee – Tony M said that although he had accepted Chair for the next 12 months, he made it clear that in 2024, he would step down from the VH Committee entirely. He felt new, younger people were needed to take on the running of the VH, to ensure its future, viability and vibrance. He intended to make this public in stages. He also made it clear that if no new incumbents were found, a process to close the VH completely may have to be entered into.

Mike also indicated that he wished to stand down as soon as possible, but a maximum of 12 months.

Vicky would also be standing down at the same time.

ACTION: Tony to make this public in Ripples and on social media. Also approaching members of the Coronation Committee for any interest. This to be progressed via the local press by the Autumn. **ALL:** To seek out new members

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Next Meeting – Tuesday 2nd May 2023 19.00 hours in the Hall.

Further Meetings

11th July (postponed meeting of 4th)

5th September

7th November