



HILTON VILLAGE HALL 20th May in Willow Room 18:30

Date of next meeting: 9th June 2025 18:30

- 1. Attendees and Welcome:** Jenny Hickling (JH), Dave Hickling (DH), Rachael Gaskin (RG), Julie Kenward (JSK)
- 2. Apologies:** Siân Davies (SD), Jenny Keery (JeK), Amii Sherwood (AS), Rebecca Hammersley (RH)
- 3. Declarations of interest:**
 - JH – Hickling House
 - DH – Hickling House
 - RG – Parish Council
 - JSK – HATS
 - RH – Gracechurch
- 4. Confirmation of Minutes:** Agreed and confirmed
- 5. Matters arising from To Do List**
 - Boiler quotation has now been received from GasTech. For a commercial boiler to be installed and Boiler 3 decommissioned and other works, the total has come out to net cost of £20,807.93 (£24,969.52 inc VAT). Proposed to be added onto extension project and funding to be sourced as part of Severn Trent/Derbyshire Environmental Trust grants. JSK suggests checking with Marissa at Worcester Architects if the boiler proposal will be enough for the build. If so, we will need an additional two quotes. If not, the quote will need adjusting. AS to contact Worcester Architects
- 6. New Hall**
 - AS is awaiting copies of comments made on the planning permission. There have been 7 comments submitted before the consultation deadline of 2nd May 2025. Once these are received, AS will forward to the Committee.
- 7. Finance**
 - Bank balances:
 - Current Account: £3,493.95 (only payroll left to leave account before sales invoices are sent)
 - Savings Account: £11,427.44
 - Grant Account: £1,656.39
 - Uninsured losses of £11,343 –AS has emailed again for a further update. Lawyers at DAC Beachcroft are chasing Zurich's Loss Adjuster continually to get responses to what was not covered under the policy as per 4th April – ONGOING – AS has proposed sending a strongly worded letter as we are nearing 3 years to the



date of the accident (01/09/22). Update to be received ASAP. JH and AS to action.

8. Grants

- **Severn Trent Water Community Fund** – application for £100,000 is ongoing
- **Warm Space Grant from Parish Council** – £500 to be received from Parish Council towards the Warm Spaces. JH to speak to Russell Pollard
- **National Lottery** – Reaching Communities Fund will open in April and starts from £20,001 over a period of 5 years. This has been recommended by Sally Hemsley at SDDC. AS is to pull the criteria and questions before proceeding with an application when the fund opens
- **Bernard Sunley foundation** – this will be applied to once planning permission has been granted. As per JeK suggestion, a meeting will be set up with RP, CC, GA and MC about having guidance and help with the grant. IH from SDDC will also help review any forms before submission.
- JH wants a better way of displaying info. JH to speak to AS regarding a better way to record information regarding grants.

9. Maintenance

- See above in matters arising from To-Do-List - GasTech are now compiling a quotation for a commercial boiler to replace. This has been received. Proposed to be added to extension project.

10. Mediumship Evening

- Second event has been booked for Saturday 28th June in the small hall. The large hall will be available to use for the suppers as per the last event.
- Tickets are being sold to the event at £15 each giving LB a 50% split of ticket sales. Food will be jacket potatoes, chilli, beans and cheese.
- Suppers are being sold at £5 as a sundry option and will be kept 100% by the hall.

11. AOB

- JSK has proposed requesting a sub-committee being set up as an Events Team along the basis of the Party On The Park. This would be run separately to the Committee as it is now, and may help to recruit new committee members to the hall.
JSK explained that we have two problems. One is that we have difficulty attracting new committee members/Trustees onto the committee. Secondly, that we would like to do more events at the hall to raise money for the hall and raise our profile. So, rather than looking to recruit new committee members/trustees why don't



advertise for people to be event organisers for us. On the basis that:

- They will not be members of the committee and therefore do not need to attend the monthly meetings
 - We would like them to research, plan and organise 4-6 events per year. Or even just to volunteer on the day.
 - We would like them to volunteer to help run these events alongside committee members
 - Amii will organise licenses, booking fees, buying supplies (from a cost point of view)
 - The advertising would have to be very light hearted and informal asking people for suggestion of what they would like to see at the hall. Then asking for people to help to volunteer.
- To be discussed at May meeting that DA picture to come down in the corridor. Discussions to be held with the committee about what we want to call the hall going forward and how the hall will look with logos. DH suggests asking Hilton residents for suggestions to rename hall. JSK suggest a public thank you to Don Amott, photo of handing the printed picture over for Facebook, and potentially ask for suggestions to rename the hall in the same post. AS to find the exact date that sponsorship expires.
 - A meeting was held with HPC to discuss the future of the hall and to look at ways the HPC can be involved going forward. Following this meeting, an email was sent to RP with a formal invitation for the HPC to join our board of trustees as an Entity based Trustee. This is to be discussed by the HPC in an Extraordinary meeting separate to their Parish Meeting.
 - AS has managed to secure a 50% discount on our Sage subscription going forward due to meeting criteria for this discount. This now brings the costings down to £15 per month (exc VAT) for Accounting, and £5 (exc VAT) for payroll.
 - RG brought a leaflet in for the Gasworks Sudbury. Saying that we should be advertising in a similar way. JSK and DH said that we should invest in better advertising if the build goes through.