

MINUTES  
PRESTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2004

**Present:** Chris Sutton, Ioan Jones, Rosie Jones, Susan Gulliford, Alan Stone , Anne Mingins and Sue Cameron

**Apologies:** Julie Tomblin and Steve Lynass.

**Minutes of last meeting:** approved.

**Matters arising from last meeting:** Non

**Finance: IJ**

31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 balance was £15,361.86 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, £10,492.66

The reduction was due to the costs of minor repairs, a remote thermostat and complete redecoration of the hall, excluding the kitchen.

**Maintenance:**

Damp in the ladies' loo. Unfortunately, during recent very stormy weather, there was another leak. **AS** thinks he may have identified the problem. We will ask a roofer for an opinion and scheme of repair. Initially Peter Mingins will ask a roofer known to him, Paul Beechy.

There was an unfortunate incidence of a disabled gentleman falling on entering the disabled toilet. As he fell, he grabbed the bar on the door, which became partially detached from the door. Our thanks go to

Ken Tomblin who has plated the door and fixed the bar much more securely.

**IJ** and **AS** have been pursuing Grant offer from CDC for environmental improvements to the kitchen. The timeline for getting quotes and for finishing the work was ridiculously short. Negotiations are ongoing.

**Cleaning:** Continues Monthly

**Hall use and Events:**

**Booking System and charges.** We revisited the charges, considering charges for similar halls in the area, our heating costs and comments from current hirers. It was decided that we would make a standard charge of £12 an hour, to include heating, all year round. The only exception to this would be for private village parties, which would be charged at £10 an hour. The charges will now be reviewed regularly .

**CS** will draft a letter for the village WhatsApp and email, explaining the rationale for this.

**The Christmas Party:** Was well attended and went well. **SG** ran a very successful raffle raising £200. Donations only £25.50. However, expenses were

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£97 (not including heating the hall) being 14 bottles of mulled wine @ £5 a bottle, the drinks license £21 and £6 for the non-alcoholic punch, which left a profit of £128.00

**RJ** suggested that in future years, we ask for volunteers from the village to help run the event on the evening. i.e. to serve the drinks and to heat and hand round the food. Generally people who attend do help to clear up afterwards. The next **Coffee Morning** will be held on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**.

The date of **The Wine Quiz** is **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**. Tickets £15 in advance. We will advertise with posters on WhatsApp and email and on the Village notice board. Arrangements for nibbles etc. will be made via the Village Hall WhatsApp group.

**Notice Board.** **CS** noted that the Village notice board needs ongoing care. She will ask **JT** what products were used when Ken repaired it last time.

**Any other business** non.

**Date of next meeting** **AGM Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 5pm**  
**followed by a committee meeting.**