

MINUTES  
PRESTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024

**Present:** Chris Sutton, Susan Gulliford, Alan Stone.

**Apologies:** Ioan Jones, Rosie Jones, Sue Cameron. Later, Julie Tomblin and Anne Mingins.

**Minutes of last meeting:** approved.

**Matters arising from last meeting:** Non

**Finance:** There is £11,633.00 in Current Account.

**IJ** has set up a new electricity contract with British Gas, starting in January 2025.

**Maintenance:** The sheep in Spivey's field have reduced the vegetation around the back wall of the hall. We now need to find someone/people to dig a trench along that wall to stop water soaking into the brickwork.

**CS** will ask John Vokes if he has ideas of who might do this.

The grant application for £7,000 for insulating the kitchen has been approved. The total cost of the insulation will be £10,000. The work will need to be completed by January 25.

There will be the cost of refitting the kitchen in addition to this.

**Cleaning:** Continues Monthly

**Hall Use and Events:**

**Booking System.** The new Parish Council website is up and running but work on it is ongoing. The booking system for the hall will be added to the site. The current booking form for the hall has not yet been added. This has been requested.

We agreed that Church and Parish groups would not be charged for use of the hall but should pay £5 an hour for heating.

**AM** fixed a date for the Annual Village Quiz with Cathy Lynn our quizmaster. Then Nic Horne suggested that her son Oliver would like to organize a quiz to raise funds for an expedition to Borneo. We agreed to postpone our quiz until the spring but have not yet had a date for Oliver's quiz confirmed.

The next Coffee Morning will be held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October

There will be a Soup Saturday on October 12<sup>th</sup> in aid of Church Funds.

**Christmas.**

It was agreed to hold the usual Mulled wine do on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. 6 to 8pm.

**IJ and RJ** will buy mulled wine. **CS** will make a warm alcohol free punch. We will provide squash for the children and children's nibbles.

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We will put a large basket or bowl prominently placed for donations. **AS** will make a large sign which **SG** will laminate.

**SG** will organize a raffle.

**Bookings** . There is a new booking for a yoga class on 4 alternate Monday mornings, starting in January .

**Ideas for use of Village Funds**.

The Parish Council have requested ideas for improvements to the Village. Ideas to be submitted by 31st October.

At our last meeting we identified suggesting (1) new folding tables and chairs for the hall, (2) assistance in refitting the kitchen after the insulation work and (3) funds put towards a new contract and supplies for the defibrillator.

**CS** will forward these ideas to the Parish Council before the appointed date.

**Date of next Committee Meeting. Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 5pm**