

**North Cadbury Village Hall Committee Virtual meeting 14th May 2020
and subsequent responses.**

As the Covid-19 emergency rules do not allow for our meeting, reports and comments were sent to the secretary and compiled for all committee members to read, ask questions or make comment by return email.

1. Draft minutes of the meeting on 5th March had been circulated to all committee members.

2. Matters arising

- a. Robin reported he did not buy the golfing break for Dr Taylor as the Covid-19 lockdown was expected. In view of this Robin suggests that we send him a cheque with a letter explaining what we had intended and thanking him for his past service to the community. Robin will suggest that he could attend any of our future coffee mornings once we are back to normal.

3. Treasure's report

Andy has circulated provisional figures for the year ending March 2020 together with a brief summary. We will need to get the accounts examined before they are filed with the Charity Commission.

If anyone has questions please contact Andy.

4. 200 Club

The 200 Club draw has continued despite the loss of our coffee mornings. The draw is carried out by Jay and Juliette in their back garden and witnessed by the Chairman from his back garden. Future draws will be held in the same way until it is possible for coffee mornings to resume.

Subscription renewal notices were emailed to members where possible and notices posted on Facebook, Next Door North Cadbury and outside the Village Shop.

5. Booking Secretary's report from Marion

As expected, we have had no enquires or bookings for the hall since March. The only outstanding booking is for a Wedding Reception in June. I have not received any notification that it is cancelled yet but will contact them at the end of the month to clarify. Who knows what may happen by then.

6. Hall

The cleaners have cleaned all the carpets and won't be going into the Hall again until the Covid-19 emergency allows.

Barry and Beverley Benjafield will resume hall cleaning next Monday 18th May.

Flooring work - Total Floor Care have already removed the metal strip from the hall floor and intend to come on Wednesday 20th as planned to carry out the full work schedule. It should take until Friday to complete with a further two days drying time.

7. Playing Field report from Brian

Hedging. This has been cut by Archie and cuttings cleared by Andrea. But there is a gaping hole in the fence caused by the hedge cutter. Archie has been contacted and promised to repair. Await action

Replacement swing seats. These have been purchased and fitted.

Camel repair. I believe this has been done and will be in place when the playground can be re-opened.

Proposed small tree copse and seating. All on hold for next year.

Water butt for wild flower bed - awaiting delivery of butt from James when restrictions allow.

I have had good intentions to paint some of the equipment in the playground but to date had done nothing. Intentions still valid!

Claire Harding reported that the Tennis Club had re-opened the tennis courts on 13th May for members with clear instructions regarding use of wipes and social distancing. They've been quite cautious, everyone has to take & use anti-bacterial/viral wipes when accessing the court from the car park. Everyone has to just play singles unless it's a family group and to be aware of social distancing if people are playing in both courts.

She asked when the Playing Field be open for use.

Robin replied that although the Tennis Court had re-opened, we have not received any notification that we can re-open the Playing Field. Persuading toddlers to maintain 'social distancing' is a little bit more of a challenge. As soon as we hear that it's ok we can take the padlocks and chains off.

8. Report from John Rundle

Several of us are keeping an eye on the building and playing field on a regular basis - I have planted a few bedding plants around the entrance (kindly donated by Heather KT) and have been spraying the weeds at the front of the building. Unfortunately a mole has made a real mess along the paving slabs which I will clear up - hopefully it will not venture into the playing field.

Comments - The accounts look healthy. I cannot remember what the quote was for the floor renovation but I see that the income from the cottage is covering the outgoings whilst we are shut down. The contractor carrying out the floor work has removed the metal strip across the centre of the hall.

9. Cottage report from James

Skirting now complete in the lounge – twice as much came off but Robin inspected before we did the extra repairs

Original door to the stone staircase has been modified and rehung – Robin has viewed but everyone more than welcome to inspect

Painting of bathroom will take place when a sustained period of good weather is upon us as it needs to dry (we are both still working so no lockdown jobs for us!!)

Our gate is now up and all are more than welcome to come into the garden, just please make sure the gate is shut so the tortoise doesn't escape.

We have mortar bees at the front and rear of the property – not sure if you have had them before or not.

A few pointing repairs are required at the rear of the property – JW company specialise in Lime colour match repairs, so again when the weather is better are you happy for us to get these small areas filled in

We have a very old lino surface on the kitchen floor that is very old and tired. Are you happy for us to price up the materials so they match the bathroom floor? JW and EW will install themselves.

Comment from Juliette - Mortar Bees do not stay long, they do not make honey so there is no problem with honey drip and mould. They are quite harmless and will only stay until the new ones are ready to fly. We have had several 'nests' and they are caused us no problem save a bit of filling once they are flown.

10. North Cadbury Village Hall Film Nights - report from David

Due to the Coronavirus shut down, the last film of the 2019/20 season with the performance of 'Stan & Ollie' had to be cancelled.

The report for the season and the accounts are as follows:

The four performances had audiences ranging from 30-64 with an average of 42.

Profit from ticket sales £125.65. Plus the profit from the bar estimated at £200 equals a total profit of £325.65.

The selection of films varied but overall was considered to be acceptable. Interestingly the two films that made a loss had received international awards and for those who attended considered them to be good entertainment.

Future programme 2020/21 all being well will commence in October. The films to be shown still need to be selected and any suggestions from the committee will be welcome.

I would like to provisionally reserve the following dates: 16th Oct, 20th Nov, 15th Jan, 19th Feb and 19th Mar. This presumes that there will be a pantomime in December.

11. Future events

Take Art event planning has been postponed until the autumn pending Government guidelines on the use of venues in the future.

Camelot Players held a committee meeting in early March and discussed forthcoming programme. Planned for this coming year and next are:

- a. Panto, Snow White (written by Adam Ebbage) in early December.
- b. Canterbury Tales with a medieval banquet meal at the end of January 2021 and a spring play in May 2021.
- c. This is quite an ambitious programme but we think it is manageable and will certainly provide for all tastes and interests both for the prospective actors and audiences.
- d. All of this is now up in the air as a result of the pandemic, social distancing will be difficult in rehearsals and for any audiences. As yet of course all this is undecided but at present early preparations for the Panto are still progressing.

12. A.O.B

- a. Robin has contacted Bristol Fire regarding our fire extinguisher servicing due in May. They are only doing emergency servicing at present but will be in touch once the lockdown eases sufficiently for them to attend.

- b. Claire reported that Buckhorn Weston Village Hall had received a £10k grant from the Government via their local councils. Apparently village halls can apply for these business loans as their lettings are considered a form of trade.

Andy replied that he had been onto the SSDC website and their notes say...

Small Business Grant fund - If you are eligible for Small Business Rate Relief or Rural Rate Relief as at the 11 March 2020 and your rateable Value is below £15,000 then you may qualify for a Small Business Grant of £10,000.'

We get Transitional Rate Relief, Mandatory Charity Relief and Discretionary Charity Relief, but neither of the above, so it would appear that we do not qualify.

The website also says that **'a discretionary fund is being set up to accommodate certain small businesses previously outside the scope of the business grant funds scheme.'** The local council can award up to £10,000.

I have left a message with SSDC asking for somebody to call back and help clarify where we stand.

There is also the question of whether or not we should be applying given that, because of the income from the cottage, we are financially stable even without hall lettings or fund-raisers.

Claire and James replied supporting making an application if we qualify.

Reply from Treasurer 18th May:

I have just spoken with an advisor at SSDC and she confirmed that as we do not get either Small Business Rate Relief or Rural Rate Relief then we are not eligible for the Small Business Grant Fund. The advisor suggested that we apply for the discretionary fund but that is more complex and I will need to provide figures for loss of income, and for ongoing expenses. There is also no guarantee that we would get anything, but I'll give it a try.

13. Dates for future meetings:

9th July, 10th September and AGM on 15th October.

Covid-10 emergency rules will determine whether we meet at the Hall or have 'virtual' meetings.