

Minutes from VHC Meeting Wed 14th July 2021

Committee

Following recent resignations more committee members are needed with cellar skills being the top priority.

A request for volunteers was made by Val at the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 13th.

Val will include some text in the Mardle, **Aaron** will put a note on the Facebook page.

All: to put our thinking caps on regarding who else might like to get involved.

We had some discussion about how the team is working and what we can do to improve.

We should be mindful that people have various constraints on their time and we should assume everyone has positive intentions in what they do!

Finances

Second signatory required now Ian has stepped down. Who can this be?

What is the current situation with the various bills/utilities?

There was also mention of the great job that Christine has been doing with cleaning and various other tasks. Is there budget to do something by way of recognition for this?

Clarity is needed regarding income and expenditure, and understanding of budget available for paid staff where necessary. What help or support does **Graeme** need to be able to give us a regular update?

Hall Bookings

We need to ensure that paying customers are getting a good service and bookings not requiring the bar should be encouraged until we have a certainty about managing the cellar/bar.

There is a wedding in late August, **Jill** is gathering information about their bar requirements and then we can consider what will be needed to fulfil them (products/staff etc.).

Jill highlighted that further "garden" maintenance will be needed before then, possible options are Les, Julian Bunn, Graham & Vicky? Trevor is no longer available.

Bar/Cellar

Cellar skills are urgently needed. Aaron has a local contact Denise Howard, who may have the skills to help on a paid basis (2-3hours per week). **Aaron** will see if that's something she would/could do.

More stock is imminently required. **Jill** will check Rachel's list and ask John Knight if he can order, if not then Bill Dillan(?) has offered to help. **Val** will retrieve the order books from Graeme.

Staffing is increasingly difficult on a Thursday. More volunteers/paid staff needed. Adverts to go in Mardle and Facebook page (**Val/Aaron**).

Maintenance/Jobs

There was discussion on the regular and ad hoc tasks that need doing. Agreed that if no volunteers are available we should pay for jobs to be done subject to there being adequate budget available.

Keys.

Some keys have been returned to Graeme. Who currently has keys, and who needs them?

9 keys available to the committee, Andre – 2, Christine – 1, Bar staff – 1.

Graeme, please can you confirm what keys you have?

Rubbish

Val has been in touch with South Norfolk Council about what options there are for collection of waste from the Village Hall, there are specific options depending on a number of factors. **Val** will provide an update ASAP.

Events.

Agreed that only events that are easy to run should be considered in the short term, e.g. wine tasting (as John K has agreed to help with that) and possibly something like a curry night.

Jill agreed to contact John to let him know which dates are unavailable with a view to getting some options from him regarding his availability.

If possible get the date advertised in the Mardle (**Val**).

Facebook page

Aaron pointed out that the Hall Facebook page has a relatively low number of members. We should promote this and use it more.

Other

Val to add Sarah into the WhatsApp group.

Dave Tinsley may be interested in helping in future, possibly has bar experience?

Folks no longer on the committee in general are happy to help on an occasional basis.