

# MINUTES

## Hawstead Community Council Meeting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2022

Topic	Description	Action by whom	Action by when
<b>1. Welcome and apologies</b>	Those present: Susanne White, Louisa Jackson, Caroline Miller, Sarah and Shannon Bullen, John Shipley, and Bob Brough. We were joined by Amanda Lomas-Farley, and John West. There were apologies from Ali Bovill.		
<b>2. Approval of Minutes of previous</b>	Minutes from our previous meeting were agreed.		
<b>3. Matters arising not listed elsewhere</b>			
<b>4. Treasurer's report</b>	Louisa gave the Treasurer's report, and the balance at the end of June stood at £48,442.39. We saw a drop of £655.36 on the previous month's balance. We have requested 3 more bins, one brown and two green, but have yet to receive them. The Jubilee costs came to £1,249.57, but offsetting that will be a grant of £500 from the Parish Council.		
<b>5. Hall Bookings</b>	We currently have 13 Weddings booked for 2022, 11 for 2023 and 2 for 2024. We discussed the possibility of hiring a Wedding Planner to determine if the charges we have set are reasonable and appropriate. Ali has asked about the possibility of her becoming the Bookings Clerk. She is asking to be an Employee rather than Self-Employed, and we discussed if that is a way forward. Giles Rushen has volunteered to oversee the management of Weddings and parties at the Hall. His invoice will go to Susanne, who will authorise or query the payment before Louisa pays it. That will give an accountability trail.		
<b>6. Hall Management, Maintenance and Equipment</b>	Ridge tiles – John S has been in contact with the Hall builders to ask if the tiles are under a warranty. They were apparently made in China, and the builders weren't terribly helpful... 4 Tiles are missing. John has found a contact who should be up to the job, and was asked to proceed with it. Play Area – John is getting a quote for the work we're thinking of, namely, to dig out material, lay a membrane, backfill with sand, and top off with quality play bark. The possibility of replacing the fencing with recycled/composite fencing was also discussed. It depends on what it costs.	JS	
<b>7. Events</b>	Sarah is co-ordinating and overseeing the Fete arrangements, which is scheduled for 4 September. Caroline is to check with the Beekeepers regarding a talk. If possible, we could incorporate the talk with a visit from the mobile chip van. Probably at the end of September. We discussed the possibility – and desirability – of getting a mobile curry van to visit. The photo book is in progress, but there are still folk who have not responded, or got back to Rick. We discussed the question of subsidising the Christmas Panto again – was it still appropriate? Rosie Donald and Giles Rushen were suggested as candidates who could take this on. But they weren't there to argue! We talked of a coffee morning in conjunction with Maglia Rosso, and the Macmillan Coffee Morning. It has previously been looked at by Geraldine, Fran, Susanne and Amanda, and they propose to do it together. Lesley would provide one of her cakes, and other folk who would usually assist	SB CM	

	are Rosemary, Judy, and Sheila and Roger. October the 8 <sup>th</sup> is the date for this year.		
<b>8. Any other business</b>	<p>Bob asked if the fire extinguisher opposite the kitchen should be relocated, as it was usually obscured by the stack of chairs, in that corner. The consensus was to move the chairs further away from the corner.</p> <p>It was noted that the curtains in the Hall are often getting wet as they are close to, if not touching, the floor, and when the floor is mopped, they get wet. The cost of either getting them shortened or replaced would not be inexpensive. A bit of research is to be done on both questions.</p> <p>John West expressed his thanks to the team for the work they do, and for the efforts put in to make the Hall look attractive and commercial.</p> <p>The Khaki Devils have built a new trench system, and it was suggested that maybe we could organise a village 'open day' to go and visit them.</p> <p>It was good to have Amanda Lomax-Farley join us. She had indicated that she would like to become more involved in village matters. She was asked if she would be willing to serve on the committee, and she accepted, passed unanimously as a co-opted member for 2022/23.</p> <p>Village pop-up cinema. We discussed this possibility, and Caroline will get in touch with Andy Taplin to see what we can do. Louisa has a screen that should fit the requirements. Either indoor or outdoor.</p> <p>We also discussed the possibility of having a choir visit, and sing in the Church, in order to help raise funds for the Church quota – a sort of annual offering, given by each Church to benefit their Parish.</p> <p>After this, the meeting was closed.</p>		
<b>9. Date of next meetings</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September, 1830.		