

## COLTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023

Apologies: Nigel Parry

Members present: John Macmillan, Richard Monbiot, Guy Reynolds, Fiona O'Brien, Lynne Richardson.

Minutes of the January meeting were accepted as a true record.

Matters arising: Fiona now has her new laptop which is working perfectly.

Guy explained the Treasurer Report, the amount in receipts for Playground was reimbursement of funds used in error. Utilities have increased substantially, as expected. Maintenance large expenditures during the past year. Increasing the booking fees was certainly the right thing to do. We made a small surplus on the year of just over £900.00 and have reserves of a little under £16,000.00.

Fiona explained the Bookings report. 23 enquiries since the last meeting, 12 of which have converted to bookings, 3 dates were unavailable. Most bookings were for the current year, but some for 2024/2025 accounting year. All regular users have agreed to the price increase.

John will ask for a task force of volunteers for tidying the playing field, planters etc on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

Lynne read an email received from Colton WI regarding the website and inclusion of information of Village Groups. Fiona asked for any details to be sent to her to pass on to Webmaster. Fiona will contact all village organisations to ask them to supply details if they want to be linked to our website.

HS2 – Guy was tasked with exploring solar panels and battery – would need to be 100% grant. What is the cost and benefit to us?

Date of next meeting Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 7.30pm start.