

The West Stockwith Gertrude Morris Memorial Hall Charity

Registered Charity Number: 228098

Minutes of the Meeting of the West Stockwith Gertrude Morris Memorial Hall Charity held on Thursday 14th September 2023 at 7.00pm in the Gertrude Morris Hall.

Present: Cllrs Beecroft, Cooper, Hartnell, Hauser, Nixon, Chair: Cllr Downes, and Secretary D Harford.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cruickshank (work commitments), Harford (work commitments), T Readshaw (work commitments)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Items 7.1.8, 7.2.2, 7.2.11 Cllr Harford

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Meeting held on Thursday 13th July 2023 - All

It was proposed by Cllr Nixon, seconded by the Cllr Hauser that the minutes from 13th July 2023 be passed as a correct record.

Resolution: Motion carried.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 Grass Area At Rear of Village Hall – Secretary

The secretary stated that the caretaker had begun to tidy up the area and he will give an update at the next meeting.

Resolution: Secretary to give an update at the next meeting.

4.2 Future Event Ideas – All

4.2.1 Tabletop Sale

For information

4.2.2 Quiz Nights

For information

4.2.3 Christmas Fayre

For information

4.2.4 Wreath Making

The secretary reported that the workshop had been arranged for Thursday 7th December 2023. Cllr Harford will organise all the arrangements.

Resolution: Cllr Harford to provide an update at the next meeting.

4.2.5 Auction of Promises

For information

4.2.6 Beetle Drive

For information

4.2.7 Set Up Crowdfunder for charities where people can donate.

The secretary stated that there was no progress to report.

Resolution: Secretary to provide an update at the next meeting.

4.2.8 Give as you live online.

The secretary stated that there was no progress to report.

Resolution: Secretary to provide an update at the next meeting.

4.2.9 Approach local yoga and Pilates groups

Cllr Hauser stated that she would be willing to investigate to see if there are local groups interested.

Resolution: Cllr Hauser to provide an update at the next meeting.

4.2.10 Film Night

For information

4.2.11 Pantomime / Fancy Dress Disco

For information

4.2.12 Cllr Nixon: Car Boot Sale

For information

4.3 Village Hall Ownership – Secretary/Cllr Cruickshank

The secretary updated the meeting that he and Cllr Cruickshank had met with a solicitor who confirmed that if the deeds were available would be much simpler. Without the deeds, written affidavits would be required from the original village hall committee. The clerk has also identified the original solicitors that witnessed the original signed document when the village hall opened.

Resolution: Secretary to provide an update at the next meeting.

4.4 Utility Deals: e-on NEXT 1 or 2 Year Deal/Big Community Switch - Secretary

The secretary reported that the above deals were investigated but the savings were minimal and not worth the changeover.

Resolution: Noted.

4.4.1 ACRE Webinar: Utility Aid – Reduction of Facilities Energy Costs – Secretary

The secretary reported that he would be attending a webinar organised by ACRE about possibly reducing energy costs on 2nd October 2023 and he would provide an update at the next meeting.

Resolution: Secretary to provide an update at the next meeting.

4 CORRESPONDENCE

The secretary stated that there was no correspondence to report.

5 OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

The secretary stated that there was no other matters for consideration.

6 FINANCIAL MATTERS

7.1 Accounts for Approval and Payment

7.1.1 HSBC, Monthly Charges (May/June 2023) DD £5.00

Confirmed by Cllr Nixon, seconded by the Cllr Beecroft that the invoice has been paid.

Resolution: Motion carried.

7.1.2 Ambien Heating, Monthly Service Charge (August 2023) DD £22.50

Confirmed by Cllr Hauser, seconded by the Cllr Hartnell that the invoice has been paid.

Resolution: Motion carried.

7.1.3 J Richardson, Caretaker Role (July 2023) BACS £45.00

Confirmed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by the Cllr Beecroft that the invoice has been paid.

Resolution: Motion carried.

7.1.4 West Stockwith PC, GMH – Electricity (July 2023) BACS £125.39

Pre-Authorised by: Cllrs Beecroft, Cooper, Harford, Nixon

Confirmed by Cllr Hauser, seconded by the Cllr Beecroft that the invoice has been paid.

Resolution: Motion carried.

- 7.1.5 West Stockwith PC, GMH – Gas (July 2023) BACS £40.09
Pre-Authorised by: Cllrs Beecroft, Cooper, Harford, Nixon
 Confirmed by Cllr Nixon, seconded by the Cllr Beecroft that the invoice has been paid.
Resolution: Motion carried.
- 7.1.6 HSBC, Monthly Charges (June/July 2023) DD £5.00
 Confirmed by Cllr Hartnell, seconded by the Cllr Beecroft that the invoice has been paid.
Resolution: Motion carried.
- 7.1.7 Lloren Goodall, Cleaner Role (July 2023) BACS £57.50
 Confirmed by Cllr Nixon, seconded by the Cllr Beecroft that the invoice has been paid.
Resolution: Motion carried.
- 7.1.8 D Harford, GMH – Cleaning Materials BACS £5.10
 Confirmed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by the Cllr Hartnell that the invoice can be paid.
Resolution: Motion carried.
- 7.1.9 Ambien Heating, Monthly Service Charge (September 2023) DD £22.50
 Confirmed by Cllr Beecroft, seconded by the Cllr Hauser that the invoice has been paid.
Resolution: Motion carried.
- 7.1.10 J Richardson, Caretaker Role (August 2023) BACS £35.00
 Confirmed by Cllr Hartnell, seconded by the Cllr Nixon that the invoice has been paid.
Resolution: Motion carried.
- 7.1.11 Anglian Water, Water Rates (June/Aug 2023) BACS £34.66
 Confirmed by Cllr Beecroft, seconded by the Cllr Cooper that the invoice can be paid.
Resolution: Motion carried.
- 7.1.12 West Stockwith PC, GMH – Electricity (August 2023) BACS £107.24
 Confirmed by Cllr Hartnell, seconded by the Cllr Cooper that the invoice can be paid.
Resolution: Motion carried.
- 7.1.13 West Stockwith PC, GMH – Gas (August 2023) BACS £58.82
 Confirmed by Cllr Hauser, seconded by the Cllr Hartnell that the invoice can be paid.
Resolution: Motion carried.
- 7.2 Income
- 7.2.1 Bassetlaw DC Invoice (GMH2023/28) £8.00
 Confirmed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by the Cllr Hauser that the income was correct.
Resolution: Motion carried.
- 7.2.2 West Stockwith PC Invoice Flavas Cooking (GMH2023/25) £157.50
 Confirmed by Cllr Hartnell, seconded by the Cllr Nixon that the income was correct.
Resolution: Motion carried.
- 7.2.3 D Harford (Cash) Invoice Bingo (GMH2023/29) £30.00
 Confirmed by Cllr Beecroft, seconded by the Cllr hartnell that the income was correct.
Resolution: Motion carried.
- 7.2.4 Idle Quilters Invoice (GMH2023/31) £30.00
 Confirmed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by the Cllr Beecroft that the income was correct.
Resolution: Motion carried.
- 7.2.5 ASTCO Clothing Bank Donation from clothing collections £9.00
 Confirmed by Cllr Hauser, seconded by the Cllr Nixon that the income was correct.
Resolution: Motion carried.

- 7.2.6 Mrs D Cutts Invoice (GMH2023/34) £36.00
Confirmed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by the Cllr Hartnell that the income was correct.
Resolution: Motion carried.
- 7.2.7 Bassetlaw DC Invoice (GMH2023/30) £8.00
Confirmed by Cllr Beecroft, seconded by the Cllr Hauser that the income was correct.
Resolution: Motion carried.
- 7.2.8 Bassetlaw DC Invoice (GMH2023/35) £300.00
Confirmed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by the Cllr Nixon that the income was correct.
Resolution: Motion carried.
- 7.2.9 West Stockwith PC Invoice Flavas Cooking (GMH2023/33) £262.50
Confirmed by Cllr Hauser, seconded by the Cllr Hartnell that the income was correct.
Resolution: Motion carried.
- 7.2.10 ASTCO Clothing Bank Clothing collection donation (Sept2023) £4.50
Confirmed by Cllr Hartnell, seconded by the Cllr Hauser that the income was correct.
Resolution: Motion carried.
- 7.2.11 D Harford (Cash) Invoice Bingo (GMH2023/37) £30.00
Confirmed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by the Cllr Nixon that the income was correct.
Resolution: Motion carried.
- 7.2.12 West Stockwith PC Invoice Flavas Cooking (GMH2023/36) £187.50
Confirmed by Cllr Beecroft, seconded by the Cllr Hauser that the income was correct.
Resolution: Motion carried.
- 7.2.13 Idle Quilters Invoice (GMH2023/38) £30.00
Confirmed by Cllr Nixon, seconded by the Cllr Hartnell that the income was correct.
Resolution: Motion carried.
- 7.3 Accounts Check – June/July 2023 – All
The secretary presented the details of the finances of the Council. It was proposed by Cllr Hartnell, seconded by Cllr Nixon that the details were correct.
Resolution: Motion Carried.
- 7.4 Accounts Check – July/August 2023 – All
The secretary presented the details of the finances of the Council. It was proposed by Cllr Beecroft, seconded by Cllr Hauser that the details were correct.
Resolution: Motion Carried.

7 HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES

The secretary stated that there were no health & safety issues to raise.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 8.1 Cleaner Resignation – Cllr Cooper
Cllr Cooper asked for an update on why the cleaner had resigned. The secretary explained that the cleaner had contacted Cllr Harford to state that she was considering resigning from the post. After a conversation, Cllr Harford suggested that the cleaner thought about the issue further while she was away on her scheduled holiday. On the cleaner's return, she contacted Cllr Harford to state that she was still resigning the post. Cllr Harford and the secretary cleaned the hall the following 2 weeks. Mrs Richardson then offered to take on the role, which was agreed due to Cllr Harford's work commitments; at which point, all the trustees were updated via the WhatsApp group.

Cllr Cooper stated she believed that the cleaner had resigned due to “village politics” and continual statements about her cleaning, which could be construed as constructive dismissal. Cllr Beecroft asked whether a formal complaint had been made, and Cllr Cooper responded that she had not.

Due to the nature of this issue, the chair suggested that the matter be discussed in further detail at the next meeting.

Resolution: Secretary to raise the matter at the next meeting.

9 NEXT MEETING

Thursday 12th October 2023 at 7.00pm

Resolution: Noted.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.25pm.

SIGNEDChair

DATE