

Sessay Community Trust Committee
Minutes of meeting held on Monday 18th September 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present

G Musgrave, D Till, M Watkinson, C Trow, D Willoughby, M May, J Walburn, D Ayling, L Cornell, R Ormston, H Dale, P Bee representing K Ellis

1.0 Apologies for Absence

B Anderson, G Jackson, E Swales, S Smith, R Lupson, C Syers, K Ellis

2.0 Minutes of the previous

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th August were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

3.0 Treasurer's report

The Chairman read out the Treasurers report.

Account balances on 11th August 2023

Current account balance = £ 26,154.75

Saving account = £95,340.00

Total = £121,494.75

Payments since 6th June 2023

Visavvi system extras	£439.99
NYCC Council tax	£54.00
White Horse Cleaning	£480.00
TV Licence	£13.25
D A Johnson – repair toilet	£50.00
Woodlands Yorkshire – cleaning supplies	£61.32
Electricity DD	£17.00
NYCC Council tax	£54.00
White Horse Cleaning	£368.64
TV Licence	£13.25
Scottish Water	£213.66
NYCC- bin collection	£94.82
D A Johnson – plumbing repair	£50.00
Hillsprint – board	£122.00
Electricity DD	£27.62
CFY annual subscription	£42.00
White Horse Cleaning	£368.64
Fox's signs – engraving	£39.60
Woodlands Yorkshire – cleaning supplies	£189.60

Income since 6th June 2023

Quiz night	£126.00
VAT repayment	£767.90
Donation	£20,000.00
Rents in total	£1,932.00

He reported that Harrowell solicitors who were dealing with the Land Registry transfer had informed him that they were no longer able to complete the work. Papers have now been emailed to S Lonsdale solicitor at Hart & Wrigley in Northallerton to deal with.

4.0 Matters Arising

4.1 Village Hall website/ Facebook page

In the absence of R Lupson - nil to report

4.2 Sycamore Tree update

The Chairman reported the results of the survey. The tree is a Norwegian Maple. The instruction is to cut down the tree. The tree is in a conservation area; however Northern Power Grid do have dispensation to remove if it is a danger to the electricity lines. They visited on the 23rd of August and felt there was no immediate danger to the line but will schedule its removal. L Cornell asked, following a previous discussion if the plan to make a bench out of the felled copper beech tree is going ahead. The chairman confirmed that this is still the case and B Chester has agreed to undertake the work.

4.3 Residents and user survey feedback

Nil to note.

5.0 Refurbishment of Village Hall

5.1 Architect, plans, scheduling update.

The chairman reported that there had been several Trustees meetings and the contract for Phase 1 of the project has been awarded to L Race Builders from Northallerton. In addition, to be included in Phase 1 is a new entrance, for which a quote is awaited. The plan is to start work ASAP, date to be confirmed. It was felt that there would be enough volunteers to remove the stage rather than pay the builder to do it and the date agreed was the 7th of October starting at 10am. He said any help would be gratefully received. The logistics of decanting what is currently stored under the stage was discussed and agreed.

5.2 Grant applications

- **U K Prosperity Fund.** C Trow had submitted an expression of interest and is awaiting a response regarding the next step.
- **FCC Communities Grant Foundation.** C Trow currently processing an application for submission by the 6th of September.
- **Jack Brunton Charitable Trust.** D Till informed the committee that the application had been successful and a grant of £ 1,500.00 had be awarded.
- **NYC /Parish Council Grant.** D Willoughby informed the committee that the Parish Council are awaiting the outcome of their application for a locality grant from NYC on behalf of the village hall. The submission was for curtains for the main hall and sanding/ resurfacing of the main hall floor.

6.0 Events and future events

6.1 Tony Craven Band – The Hot Doggers

Saturday 30th September 2023 at 7pm. Tickets £10.00 prior and £12.00 on the evening, under 16 half price. Available from D Ayling and D Willoughby. 30 tickets sold to date. Posters circulated. Raffle agreed.

6.2 Five Loose Chippings

Arranged Saturday 4th November.

6.3 Christmas Market

Arranged for Saturday 18th November.

6.4 Pig Race Evening

Arranged for Saturday 9th December.

7.0 Matters for posting on website.

Matters agreed to be uploaded:

- The minutes
- Planned Events.

8.0 Any other business

8.1 D Ayling confirmed the bar will be open over the winter months with events such as dominos, bingo, quiz etc.

8.2 D Till informed the committee that the Annual Charity Dart's evening is scheduled for Friday 22nd December with proceeds to the Village Hall refurbishment.

8.3 Thanks were asked to be passed on to P Dale for removing the bulbs from the rose garden and distributing them throughout the village.

9.0 Date and time of next meeting

Monday 16th October 2023 at 7.30pm