

**Sessay Community Trust Committee**  
**Minutes of meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 at 7.30pm.**

**Present**

G Musgrave, D Till, C Syers, C Trow, D Willoughby, M May, D Ayling, L Cornell, H Dale, S Prentice, S Smith, G Jackson, R Lupson, M Barton representing K Ellis, A Wady representing M Watkinson

**In Attendance**

4 residents - S Ayling, M, Mason, D Tipping, A Kellman

**1.0 Apologies for Absence**

B Anderson, E Swales, J Walburn, M Watkinson, K Ellis

**2.0 Minutes of the previous**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

**3.0 Treasurer's report**

The Treasurer reported:

**Account balances on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Current account balance = £ 27,385.70

Saving account = £95,595.46

A donation of £350.00 had been received from Mrs N Down, thank you sent. He reported that S Lonsdale solicitor at Hart & Wrigley in Northallerton will be dealing with the Land Registry transfer.

**4.0 Matters Arising**

**4.1 Village Hall website/ Facebook page**

R Lupson reported that there are now in excess of 100 subscribers to the website. Nil to note re Facebook, he is organising a meeting with S Margerison for a handover.

**4.2 Sycamore Tree update**

The Chairman reported that he had been informed by Northern Power Grid that the village hall would be liable for the cost of felling the tree. It was noted that the power in the village is due to be switched off to undertake work on November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Chairman will liaise with them.

**5.0 Refurbishment of Village Hall**

**5.1 Scheduling update.**

The chairman reported that the Trustees had formally accepted the quote for the new entrance, corridor and relocating the main hall entrance door at a cost of £12,065 + VAT. The total cost of Phase 1 = £70,406 +VAT. Funding from Platinum Jubilee grant of £32,650 + £39,756 from Village Hall reserves until further grants received. It is anticipated that work will commence in 2 weeks. Safety fence to be erected around site. Communication with the builders will be G Musgrave and C Syers. The Chairman thanked those who helped with the removal of the stage. A Kellman asked if there would be a stage for the school nativity play. There followed a discussion re sourcing a mobile stage.

**5.2 Grant applications**

Work continues on the following grants:

- U K Prosperity Fund.
- FCC Communities Grant Foundation.
- Garfield Weston
- Bernard Sunley

## **6.0 Events and future events**

### **6.1 Proposed fundraising and events committee**

It was agreed to form a sub – committee to manage fundraising and events. It was agreed it could include non- SC T committee members. To be arranged. To post on website for interested parties.

### **6.2 The Hot Doggers band – feedback**

Successful enjoyable evening, £430 raised.

### **6.3 Five Loose Chippings**

Arranged Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### **6.4 Christmas Market**

Arranged for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

### **6.5 Pig Race Evening**

Arranged for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December. It was agreed tickets - adult pre-booked £5 or £6 on the evening and children £1.

### **6.6 Other ideas for consideration**

Comedy evening – 7<sup>th</sup> February

## **7.0 Rental charges 2023/2024**

To remain the same.

## **8.0 Matters for posting on website.**

Matters agreed to be uploaded:

- The minutes
- Planned Events.
- Fundraising and events sub- committee

## **9.0 Any other business**

9.1 R Lupson raised his concerns regarding the right of way footpaths around the village. He was advised to speak to the landowner in the first instance.

9.2 C Trow informed the committee that she had the 2024 booking diary ready to take bookings.

## **10.0 Date and time of next meeting**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm**