

**Minutes of a Meeting of Barton under Needwood Parish Council as Sole Trustee of
Barton under Needwood Village Hall, registered charity number 502046
Held on 1 June 2023, 6.30pm, Robert Douglas Room, Barton Village Hall**

Present:

Cllr E Sharkey (Chairman)
Cllr D Lord
Cllr S Naylor

Cllr J Brookes
Cllr I Gilbey

Cllr C Walker
Cllr J Taylor

In Attendance: Mrs S Rumsby (Minutes)

Absent Apologies: Cllrs Harley, Cllr Young

1. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Previous Minutes of the Trustee meeting of were accepted.

3. An update had been received from the Village Hall Committee.

The Financial Report showed an improvement at £45,700 in hand. Income totalled £19,600 and payments £26k : £6,500 deficit.

The hall has a wider range of hirers with some new groups added. The appearance has been upgraded with Building Managers keeping on top of necessary works.

The Performance Shows have gone well and tickets selling out. Live and Local bid for 3 concerts up to next April, 2 music and one off the wall cookery presentation. An On-line booking system is to be trialled. More regular groups are needed to supplement what we have. Advertising will continue focussing on each room.

Cllr Lord praised everyone on an amazing job in getting to grips with the situation and moving in right direction and will secure the future of hall if it continues as we are. Cllr Lord was concerned about a comment that the hall is too big. Gerry Taylor was praised for organising the events. All volunteers were highly commended.

Drainage issue – Cllr Lord has agreed to look into problems and solutions. One issue is the smell inside building and after reading summary, Cllr Lord felt he knows what is the cause and a cheap solution. On looking the CCTV however, there are defects under the building which need addressing. Photos show significant displacement of underground pipe. It was queried if Severn Trent could be held responsible. At time of the Peel Place development, they were asked to replace the sewer but this did not happen. Manholes inside buildings are not a good idea due to smell escaping. Cllr Lord believes as someone is pumping into the sewer, the pumps only kick in periodically. Sewerage will sit in pipes until activated and the gas will find its way into manholes. Cllr Lord to make some suggestions on his suspicion of what is happening. The original builder of extension has gone bust.

The potential cost risk was a factor and whilst not an urgent need, over time, eventually the floor will collapse.

Cllr Gilbey referred to the Crowberry Lane bollards which have rotted and only 4 left. According to the Land Registry, Village Hall land finishes at building. Bollards put in did demark that it was our land. Cllr Sharkey suggested replacing with the same as ones at Ash Tree Road. Land registration could be rectified as the hall has occupied and enclosed it for over 12 years. ESBC toilets have rights over that part of building. Meter box doors are loose.

Cllr Naylor sought clarification on the relationship with the Village Hall Committee and why things were being discussed at both meetings. The Parish Council as Sole Trustee own the building but appoint a committee to run it. The update is for councillors who are not on the Village Hall committee.

4. Dates of future meetings – 2023: 7 September, 7 December

- Meeting closed at 7.06 pm.

Accepted on Signed