

Brackenfield Village Association
Minutes of meeting held on Monday 4th November 2023 at 1.30pm at Green Farm

Present: Linda Walker, Catherine Tomlinson, Stefan Priest, Martin Philips; Cath Pilsbury,
Pat O'Brien, Diane Hooton, Christine Edwards

Apologies: Lynn Keeton

New committee member: Martin Philips was co-opted onto the committee and warmly welcomed.

Minutes of the meeting on 17th July 2023 Agreed.

Matters arising (not covered elsewhere):

Church Hall update:

Following an informal BVA Committee discussion held on 11th October, a letter was sent to Brackenfield Hall Management Group concerning the BVA event planned for 15th December and the Hall group's event on 12th December, explaining that the BVA committee had decided to cancel their event to avoid an unnecessary clash.

The Hall Management Team responded with a constructive letter dated 17th October 2023 inviting closer communication and co-ordination to avoid similar clashes in the future. Cath P read out the letter to the meeting.

- Christine will invite a member of the Hall Management Team to attend the next BVA Committee meeting to share an update on the running of the Hall and to discuss how best to share information.
- At the Hall Manager's request, Cath and Christine will check over the kitchen equipment to help decide which items are no longer useful.

Feedback from Late Summer Tea Room on Sunday 10th September:

This was a very successful day. Well attended by visitors from far and wide, the plant stall, tea room and craft stall holders all did well and felt the event was worthwhile. Some beautiful home baking was donated and several visitors enquired about buying whole cakes. Profits of £370.11 were donated to the Hall Management Group along with a £100 donation from the Lanchester and Daimler Owners' Club towards refurbishing the Hall kitchen. A fee of £60 was paid for Hall hire which was covered by takings on the day.

New hall fees: The Hall Team have notified the BVA that although charges are going up in the New Year to £40 per session or £100 for the day, charges for the BVA will be held at current levels of £30 per session and £75 per day.

Events for Spring 2024:

Italian Night: Laura has agreed to host an Italian Night on Friday 8th March 2024. Christine will discuss this with Laura though a ticket price of £15 seems about right. Further discussions to be held about whether to run a bar or invite people to bring their own drinks.

Cheese and Wine event: June would be a good time. To be discussed at the next meeting.

Wildlife Photography evening: With Crich-based, internationally recognised photographer Andy Parkinson at the Bassett Rooms on Thursday 4th July at 7.15pm. Drinks and nibbles included. This is being organized by the Heritage Café sub-group.

Fund-raiser for Air Ambulance: Christine will follow up some suggestions and gather more information to bring to the next meeting with the intention of arranging something for September 2024.

AOB:

It was suggested that the BVA should contribute to the village by offering to replace the bench by the bus stop at the north end of the Green which is going rotten. Martin brought information about recycled plastic furniture produced in Wirksworth. Another possibility would be a wooden bench from Bolsover Woodlands Enterprise like the one at the southern end of the Green. It was agreed that Christine will write to the PC Clerk about this proposal and ask for it to be put on the agenda for their January meeting.

Next Committee Meeting:

Monday 22nd January at 1.30pm at Green Farm