

MITHIAN INSTITUTE (Mithian Village Association)

MINUTES of the Trustees Meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Tues. 24th Sept. 2024

1. Present:

Jane Cashmore (Chair), Chris Bones, Geoff Osborne, Nic Field, and Alan Price

2. Apologies for absence:

Nessie Thorley, Emma Windsor and Anouska Andreou

3. Agree Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the July meeting were agreed.

4. Matters Arising Not On The Agenda:

None

5. Treasurer's Report:

Current Reserves – Chris reported that current reserves stand at a total of £22,865 – an increase of around £1,650 since July. The increase is due to Fête income, minus payments to EDF and SW Water. Chris suggested putting another £5,000 in a fixed term deposit account to get better interest. All agreed. He will investigate whether a separate account can be opened or whether it has to go in the existing one, which matures in December

6. Programme of Events:

Fête Review - Geoff reported that constructive comments had been sought from stallholders. Those received are in the fête file for consideration at next year's fête meeting.

19th October Social Event - Fish and Chip Supper from The Miners Arms. Anouska has confirmed that she is happy to supply the fish and chips as per last year. Geoff will do a circular e-mail to collect numbers.

16th December Christmas Carols - Behind the Miners Arms as before. The Band has been booked. Jane will lead the evening if necessary.

AGM Date - Confirmed as 18th March 2025

Mithian Market - Alan reported a total profit to date for the village of £217.99. The last one in the series is planned for December, after which a decision on the way forward is scheduled. There was some discussion about the declining footfall at the market – especially in the last two events. Geoff reported a suggestion made at the last market that three bigger events at Christmas, Spring and Summer may attract more customers. It was agreed that Alan would canvas stallholders at the October market to assess whether it would be worth cancelling the November Market and having a bigger and better Christmas Market in December.

7. Village Hall:

Porch Decoration – Chris has finished painting the inside of the window. Cleaning and painting the walls is still outstanding.

Extension Roof – Geoff reported that Andrew was scheduled to investigate this week, but now awaits better weather.

Grant – Following a note from Rebecca that there is grant aid available for major projects, Jane reported that she reviewed the detail and advised the meeting that it was not applicable to our current situation.

8. Phone Box

Surplus Funds – At the last meeting, Anouska suggested using the remains of the £500 which she raised to buy bulbs to plant along approach roads to the village. She advised the meeting that she has not managed to source bulbs yet. Alan will liaise with Anouska on her return from holiday, to establish locations, quantities and help with sourcing.

9. The Constitution:

Revised Constitution – Nic and Geoff had arranged to spend an evening last week to start uploading the constitution onto the Charity Commission website, but found that the website was down for maintenance all evening. To be rescheduled

10. Any Other Business

Equipment Storage – Geoff reported reaching agreement in principle to use a redundant stable at Ian and Emma's. Chris has drawn up a draft agreement which, subject to the minor modifications agreed at the meeting, Geoff will take to Ian and Emma for their consideration.

Wooden Tables – The condition of the wooden tables used for the Fête was discussed. Chris reported that they are infested with woodworm and present storage issues. It was agreed that they should be disposed of. Geoff will offer them locally and take any left over to the tip. New square tables like those in the Hall are currently about £40 each. It was agreed to purchase six – Geoff will organise.

Committee 2025 – There was some discussion around current Trustees who would like to stand down from their current positions and also the need to recruit some new younger Trustees. In a future circular e-mail, Geoff will include an invitation for expressions of interest in Trusteeship.

Minutes – Alan thought that Trustee Meeting Minutes should somehow be made public. It was agreed that abbreviated versions should be made available to view on the website.

11. Date of Next Meeting:

28th January 2025 at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8:30 pm.