

## **Bamburgh Pavilion Association Committee Meeting**

Monday 17th March 2025 at 11am in the Pavilion

*Present: Gillian Bardgett, Dave Carney, Jamie Edgar, Susan Gibson, Alison Kingston, Linda Kirby, John Lamb, John Mackey, Dave Miller (in the chair), Claire Whitfield*

Before our meeting started Dave Miller invited us to remember our colleague and friend Barbara Brook, who sadly died on 7th March. We send Bill, Rachael and John our love and best wishes at this sad time.

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Bill Brook.

### 2. Minutes of Meeting held on 13th January 2025

Agreed and signed.

### 3. Matters arising

None.

### 4. Treasurer's Report

Linda reported that we have £8,585 in our account and that we have paid for the new dishwasher and water boiler.

### 5. Booking Secretary's Report

Susan reported one wedding cancellation; we still have 3 marquee weddings, 1 Pavilion only wedding and a family celebration.

Ralph BC has asked to borrow 40-45 chairs for an event on 1st June at Budle Hall. After checking that this is ok with John L, Susan and Jamie have agreed to liaise with Ralph and arrange transport.

### 6. Maintenance

The ramp to the front door has now been fixed. There was a discussion around who should pay for it; it was decided that as it is part of the Pavilion that the cricket club should invoice Linda for £300 and the work done will therefore be on our records.

The guttering has also been done and Claire is hoping that this will be free of charge as it should have been seen to when the Pavilion was refurbished.

The felt cover over the oil tank, which is roughly table top size, needs replacing. A roofer is needed so Dave M will ring Dan Patterson.

Tony Baldwin does a lot of our routine maintenance and we are very grateful to him.

## 7. Chairman's Duties

Dave introduced this, referring to the attachment that went out with the agenda. This paper has been written in response to the need for a new chairman following Bill's proposed resignation from the post.

Dave is very keen to separate out the chairman's duties from 'operational' duties and tasks. Gill pointed out that Bill had been an exceptional chairman and would be such a difficult act to follow and Jamie mentioned all the grant applications he had completed for us whilst Linda mentioned his work with CAN.

Under 'external relationships' we decided:

Liaising with James Boulton - Gill

Liaising with the Castle - Susan

Liaising with George Lillico re tennis courts - Claire

Liaising with NNVHC - Linda

Under 'infrastructure' we decided:

Jamie to ask Tony re electrical wiring certificates. Penroses?

Jamie to look after the PAT testing.

Jamie to obtain a quote for an automatic sensor for the oil tank level and to decide upon this at our next meeting. We talked about other options such as an automatic top-up too.

John L to monitor the holding/septic tanks and to help keep the grass/ivy clear.

Jamie to ask Tony about boiler/plumbing/electrical and general maintenance.

Jamie to monitor and support the village 'hub' facilities.

Under 'compliance' :

Linda and Dave M looked at the notices on the noticeboard and realised that some were out of date. Linda will contact NCC regarding changing the postal address for the Premises Licence from Bill to her. We discussed, for example, the fire, risk assessment and GDPR regulations and will work to get them all up to date.

## 8. Addition of internet backup to broadband

Jamie introduced this by saying that we are still vulnerable in a storm as we have cables. For a £7/month fee we could get a hybrid connection which in the event of a power loss would flip us to the 4G network. Dave M said that

if we are a resilience hub then it's resilience we need and recommended that we go ahead. John M thought there was around £1.5k left in the Parish Council account for this and thought it would be possible to fund it.

#### 9. Open day, Friday 21st March

Susan introduced this. Most people in the village know about the groups in the Pavilion but Jamie thought they should know more about the hub and how to use it. (We were so pleased to hear that in the storm at the end of January someone with an insulin pump had been able to come to the Pavilion to recharge it.).

Susan mentioned that Karen Ridley, a well-being project officer from Rural Us, would be present to offer guidance on a link to show lonely and isolated people the various activities available in their community.

Neither Dave M nor Dave C will be there, but groups including Scottish Country Dancing, the WI, Bird Club, Croquet and bowls will be represented.

Claire mentioned that the pickleball bats and balls would be put out this week.

#### 10. Cricket club charges for charity teas on match days

John L gave the background to this item: on match days, and in return for selling cakes etc and making a lot of money, charities are asked to set out the cricketers' teas and to serve the tea and juice. Some charities forget to do this. It has worked well in the past but now there seem to be so many visitors that it's becoming a security issue with cricketers not even being able to access the loos. The ground team put out the signs, set out the tables, turn on the boiler and afterwards sometimes have to put the tables back and sweep up. He emphasised that this wasn't every charity; however the general consensus was to reduce or even stop the charity teas. The cricket club pays for the use of the Pavilion and the charities pay nothing.

A suggestion has been made to charge charities 30% of their profits. Alison thought this was excessive as she had experience of other venues charging £25; also on any charity day a donation is often given to that charity and it wouldn't be fair to give away 30% of it. If we had a set charge what if the day was wet and the charity made nothing? We discussed sub-letting and was this even allowed under our constitution?

After much discussion it was agreed that it's a cricket club decision with each charity, but that all charities should be steered towards Saturdays. John L acknowledged that this should have been discussed earlier, as some charities now have no Sunday free for a cricket tea whilst others got in early.

John L has replaced Bill on the cricket club website and he is very happy to liaise with charities for this year. 7 have agreed a date so far with varying terms; some cricketers will be disappointed but nevertheless the cricket club will be benefiting this year.

#### 11. Kitchen equipment/purchase of larder fridge

Alison will buy a larder fridge for us from a high street store. Gill is to ask Andrea if she wants the old fridge, otherwise we will pay for it to be removed.

The new digital dishwasher has proved a trial in setting it up to wash and more specifically to drain properly. Andy has spent three mornings trying to get it to work and we have now called in an engineer via Nisbets.\* Susan has been in touch with the Bird Club who use it every month and has explained that we hope to get a sheet produced soon on how to use it.

#### 12. Social committee

Claire mentioned a group called Fool's Gold who would charge us £200 + travel. She hopes to book them for a date in June.

We also discussed an event for VE Day, 8th May, and Linda will check the fish and chip van for their availability.

#### 13. Tennis court/pickleball update

Claire has been in touch with George Lillico re the repainting of the pickleball court. He could do this but says that we would always see the original marking underneath. We plan to leave it for this year and then reassess it.

We were slightly disappointed that the new tennis court posts are in, but with the same weakness as the old ones, namely that holes have been drilled into them at ground level to tie in the netting which ultimately weakens the posts.

#### 14. Any Other Business

John L would like additional signs to prevent people coming in to the Pavilion to use the loos. We have a sign to say 'Private Event' but he would like two new ones which would say 'No Public Toilets; Public Toilets are in the Village'. He has a contact who produced new cricket clubs signs and will ask for a quote. Jamie thought these signs should be up all the time and could simply be removed when we have an event.

Date of next meeting: Monday 19th May at 11am in the Pavilion

\*The engineer has now visited and shown Andy how to work the drain. The manual bears NO relation to the actual working of the dishwasher.