REMENHAM PARISH HALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of Meeting on Thursday 21 April 2022 at 6.00pm at Riverway (changed from original date of 7 February)

Present: Charlotte Every (Chair)

Lene de Wesselow Allan Henderson Jacky Ronald

Felicity Rutland (Secretary)

Pat Sly

- 1. **Apologies:** Jeremy Tayler, Janette Brown, Peter Grace, Sue Laing from half-way (Zoom at start).
- 2. Minutes of the meeting on 10 February: Agreed.
- 3. **Matters arising:** Nothing that wasn't covered by the Agenda.

4. Platinum Jubilee:

Sponsorship: Charlotte reported £500 received from HRR (Sir Steve Redgrave to be thanked), £300 from Culden Faw, £300 from a business in The Barns. No reply as yet from Leander or Rewind.

Newsletter: To be printed and distributed for this issue, to remind people about the Jubilee. (Details of the Tea Party should have gone on the front cover, but production of the printed copy was fraught with difficulties and the Editor omitted these in error. They were put on the e-mail version that was circulated to all and on the website.)

Numbers for Tea Party: 105 on Sue's spread sheet so far, with a number of offers of help, more expected.

Food: Sandwiches and cakes to be coordinated by Pat and Jacky, everyone to make sandwiches, types to be specified for consistency. WI yet to be asked about making cakes. Charlotte will go to Cosco or similar) for tea, coffee etc.

Cash Bar: This was confirmed, Felicity to ask David Binney and David Law (as at Thespians productions), with others to help. Beer and wine needed, and glasses. Linda Ashwell had asked if they could bring own wine (answer No). **ACTION:** Pat to get licence, Felicity to ask Davids.

Tables and Chairs: Kirsty from Copas had offered, Charlotte to say yes.

Gazebos: People asked to bring if wet – request in newsletter, answers to Sue.

Decorations etc: Charlotte had ordered plates, napkins and bunting.

Commemorative mugs: Parish Council to fund for all under 16's, numbers via Sue's spreadsheet with extras to sell, design by Felicity who has experience. **ACTION**: Felicity

Raffle: To be drawn at Tea Party. Sue has Festival tickets, Felicity to ask Leander and HRR. Little Angel (Sue?) and Flower Pot (Jacky) to be asked. ACTION: Felicity, Sue, Jacky.

Copas offer of pavilion at HRR: This generous offer (worth up to £800) was discussed and it was agreed not to include in raffle but to have a silent auction (see Newsletter), closing date 15 May, publicity in Newsletter, bids to Sue.

Flower Festival: All in hand via Penny Whitfield. People getting married on the Saturday thrilled!

Concert: at 5.30pm on the Saturday (early to accommodate Adam Isaac.) In hand via Felicity.

ACTION: Felicity

5. **Offer of hospitality tent during Henley Regatta from Copas Partnership:** See above. Nigel to thank them and accept, explaining that decision to be made by 15 May.

6. Hall Maintenance:

Painting the outside at the end of the summer: Quotes to be requested. ACTION: Pat

Notice Board: This is a mess. Parish Council to be asked if the Parish Hall Committee could take responsibility. **ACTION:** ?

Lights outside: These were considered a disaster as they are on all the time, far too bright and intrusive, need to be replaced with downlighters that are motion sensitive. ACTION: Pat.

Paving outside: Exasperation expressed at the time being taken to get planning permission etc, but Parish Council believed to be progressing this.

Small Maintenance jobs such as water testing. ACTION: Pat to speak to Peter.

7. Hall lettings:

Pat distributed an impressive schedule of lettings. Lettings for HRR not yet agreed, which is late — usually agreed by now. Hampton School expected to confirm use of Hall and Lady Eleanor Hollis and Hampton Parents' Association use of Garden (parking for 40 cars). Rates were discussed: it has been £1,250 for Hampton since 2018, and it was agreed that with a six day regatta it should be increased. For the Parents' Association it was £1,800 in 2019, to be increased to £2,000 because of the extra day. **ACTION:** Pat.

8. Finances

Nigel reported that with funds of £48,000 these were very healthy, but there is considerable concern over energy prices and other price increases including rates.

The WI has asked if it can plant a tree at the Hall for the Jubilee and after some discussion it was agreed that although space was at a premium a small tree on the back wall would be appropriate and welcome. **ACTION:** Pat.

9. Future Events:

Remenham Fayre on 4 September. ACTION: All, after the Jubilee.

Letters evenings in November: ACTION: Allan and Thespians after Jubilee.

10. AOB

The filming to take place of 'The Boys in the Boat' (between Upper Thames and Temple Island) from 16-20 May was discussed. Nigel to request meeting (which took place next day). Donation 'for disruption' to be made. More details in Newsletter and Letter to Residents.

11.Date of Next Meeting: 19 May at 6.00pm in the Parish Hall.