

## **BADLESMERE LEES AND HALL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, 15 May 2023**

Those present: Ian Earl (Chair), Sue Earl (Secretary), Rick Blackman (Treasurer), Dave Austin, Steve Burt, Charlie Kirby, Chris Moore, Ben Pullen.

Apologies for absence: Gareth Fulton, Fred Gregory, Tom Sisley.

This meeting (which started about 7.50 pm) followed the AGM with the primary aim of electing the officers of the committee. One other matter was also on the agenda.

### **1 Election of Officers.**

- 1.1 Chair and Vice Chair: IE announced he did not wish to stand for re-election as Chair, and admitted to encouraging Chris Moore to stand. IE was given a vote of thanks for his excellent and hard work over the past seven and a half years.  
CM was elected unanimously (proposer SB, seconded by DA). To ease the transition and achieve a degree of continuity IE accepted the role of Vice Chairman (acceptance unanimous). IE was also prepared to continue with managing hall bookings. The role of Projects Manager stays with CM. NatWest will need to be contacted to change the second signature on all four accounts from IE to CM. RB (or CM) will need to acquire online banking ability.
- 1.2 Secretary and Treasurer: SE was re-elected as Secretary (proposed by SB, seconded by CK), and RB as Treasurer (proposed by SE, seconded by CM).
- 1.3 Other roles: SB remains Hall Manager. BP stood down from being i/c North Track (he was duly thanked for his efforts); GF agreed to take over. CK will continue to maintain the South Track.
- 1.4 RB reported that Lorraine Blackman was happy to continue her administration of the 100 Club. The committee welcomed this.

### **2 Insurance Claim for the apparent subsidence.**

- 2.1 RB updated the committee with the current status of the claim. Measurements are going to be taken to determine if any movement is continuing. This could take several months. Should the nearby trees be accepted as the cause, they will be cut back, with the owners' permission. If they did not allow this, the insurer's would seek compensation from the owners if another claim for subsidence were to be made in the future.
- 2.2 In his report the assessor stated that the sum insured in our policy meant the hall was underinsured. (The committee did query the numbers quoted, particularly the rebuild costs considering the hall is essentially a tin hut.) This means that any payment made by the insurers would be a proportion of the full cost of repairs. The amount we may have to contribute is yet to be known and so all planned improvements, both major and minor projects, are now on hold.

### **3 AOB**

- 3.1 South Track. A delivery of planings was requested.

- 3.2 Village Sign Celebration. CK to attach the plaque and DA a ribbon in readiness for the planned ceremony at the sign at 3 pm on Saturday, 20 May. IE has emailed residents (on his village broadcast mailing list), and others associated with Badlesmere Lees, past and present. In particular Bill Harbour was contacted so that members of the Horticultural Society would be informed and also other Sheldwich residents. IE and FG will say a few words at the ceremony. IE to produce a leaflet describing the sign (for distribution), and to submit a report to the Parish Magazine after the event.
- 3.3 BP announced that Mary Moore of Glebe House on the Lees (North Track) will be 100 on 11 June. He will organise flowers and a card to be signed by villagers, and present it on the 10<sup>th</sup> (so not to clash with family celebrations on the actual day).
- 3.4 SB reminded all to promote the 10k Run.

**The meeting ended at 9.00 pm.**

**The next committee meeting: Monday, 17 July 2023, in the village hall, at 7.30 pm.**