



WINGFIELD BARNS

prepared 01.10.2022

Minutes of the Board Meeting – 14.00 – Thursday 15th September 2022

Present: Andy Robinson (AR), Luke Heydon (LH), Guy Mathias (GM), Dennis Murray (DM), Matthew Abercrombie (MJA), Diana Kearsley (DK, chair)

In support: Anna Fielding O'Farrell (AF)

Apologies:

- 1) **Approval of Minutes - meeting 28.07.2022** were noted as a true record of the meeting and proposed by GM, seconded by LH – approved unanimously by the Board

Matters arising – see **Schedule of Actions** from the board meeting 28.07.2022

WB Maintenance	- closed	Membership Scheme	- closed
Carpark surface.	- closed		

- 2) **Operations Manager** - Village Fete, well attended and all costs recovered with £800 raised for the Church. - Childrens Workshops were attended by 18 children on each of the 2 days and the resident picture framer provided a workshop for 7 people. The wedding held on 20/08 went well.

Maintenance issues with MSDC - response from E Attack regarding procurement to be replied to suggesting WB establish contractor to try to move this problem on as exterior decor needs addressing sooner rather than 'any' later. MSDC Conservation Officer, Paul Harrison also to be contacted again. **ACTION AF**

- a) **Membership scheme is ongoing** - will depend on how the future of WB develops
- b) **Granary rental** - new tenant "All Saints Schools Trusts" interested with a likelihood of taking over tenancy 01.10.22 - TBC
- c) **Carpark project** - funding for this work is hoped to be achieved from the Government Community Development Grant, maximum £20k (ask £15k) with additional requests from District Councillor, County Councillor, Church and Parish Council. It was agreed by the Board that this work needs to be completed before the winter events at WB.
- d) **Government Funding Schemes** - Community Ownership Fund, awaiting next round of bidding windows, opening March 2023.
- e) **International Mini-Print Exhibition** went well with a normal footfall and 72 prints sold.

- 3) **Business Project Manager** - reported - the result of the Arts Council funding application will be known in October 22
No news regarding the 'Change of Use' planning applications

- 4) **AOB - LH** reported that he had spoken to the Britten Peers Foundation regarding possibly using WB as a 'satellite' venue. The discussion was positive and Luke will continue with this idea and it was agreed that the BPF should be invited to The Barns **ACTION LH/AF**

LH suggested contact with Baroness Deborah Ball, residing in Eye as someone who may be able to promote The Barns as a venue for more 'arts' events etc. **ACTION LH**

AF provided the link to the Investment Principles Plan 2023/24 - this was created for application for funding from the 'Government Community Ownership Scheme - a 3 year funding opportunity. This Investment Principles Plan to be assessed by all Board members with any further suggestions sent to Andy during the first week of October 22. **ACTION AR/AF**

AR to prepare an WB energy assessment **ACTION AR**

5. **Date of next meeting:** **Thursday 20th October - 10.30**

Meeting closed at: 15.15

Chair.....
Diana Kearsley



Date:.....**20 October 2022**