

PDMS – Informal General Meeting 16th January 2018 11:00

Approx 20 members were in attendance.

HG outlined purpose of meeting – a “stocktaking exercise”

HG reminded members that our status at the barn was as a guest of Roger , Landlord of The Dove and the Barn. We must therefore be mindful how we act and behave.

Although we have come together informally we must now act sensibly and safely with regard to Health & Safety especially, though not exclusively , when using dangerous machines/tools. PPE MUST be worn and only members “signed off” as competent use the equipment.

New members packs were distributed to all those present. These contain all the documents we need members to complete before embarking upon work in the shed. **Please complete and return.**

More members are joining which is positive. There are no plans to open longer hours at present and there must be no lone working.

Any repair jobs that are agreed to should be recorded in the Repair Book gathering all the necessary details. We may charge for parts but not labour – however donations for work done are gratefully received especially if the donor agrees to Gift Aid the donation (forms are available at the barn).

We do wish to continue to take on work for the community as we are dependent on their support – we have been the beneficiary of several grants and have generated a lot of goodwill because of the relationship we have.

Shedder Tim was congratulated for his Rocking Horse restoration which is nearing completion. It is unlikely that EACH will be able to use it but we could sell it and donate the funds raised.

The worn out marquee will, with Roger’s permission , be replaced with a shed which we will construct – it will then become a machine shop area.

HG has applied for some additional funding and if approved we shall purchase more tools and a dust extraction unit – it was agreed any surplus machines will be sold off (no more than 2 of each type)

We shall commission the builders toilet but it will only be used as a urinal.

HG updated everyone on the New Shed project. The plot is in Poringland adjacent to The Ridings development. Norfolk Homes have agreed to lay a concrete slab and bring utilities to the site. We hope to have 2 buildings about the size of the barn – one for us and one we could let to the wider community to provide a revenue stream . Thoughts on construction were discussed with a pre-fabricated building the most favourable. Detailed plans will be drawn up when we have planning permission and a lease agreement in place and we can then begin fundraising in earnest. In the short term we have created a New Shed Fund and are diverting surplus funds to this pot. Members can assist by signing up for Gift Aid & Give as you Live online shopping. Grant funders will wish to see that we are not just relying on hand outs.

The AGM will be held on 6th February at The Barn

Meeting closed 12:00