**Minutes of the 6th Wicken Bonhunt Community Centre Group**

**Tuesday 5th July 2023 - 7.30pm**

**Group members present**: Joan Morgan, Richard Taylor, David Radford, John Burgess, Peter Jordan, Rosemary Nash, Cliff Nash, Monica Davidson, Gary Newman,

Apologies: Lindy McDermott, Claire Entwhistle, Anthony Rogers

1. Minutes of last meeting were approved and signed
2. Finance Outline:

Finance statement produced by AR gave a healthier picture than had first thought in the early days. A clearer picture of income and projected expenditure brought the balance down to less than £800 deficit. The Group then discussed areas of future income sources – Wicken Ladies have been preparing ideas to raise funds on a regular annual basis – suggestions were raised that a sub-group should be formed to take these ideas forward. Energy expenditure should reduce with solar energy, when installed and also following the new tariff from July

1. Planning Application was now live, with 26th July the closing date for correspondence. Members were encouraged to write in support of the application. Edward Oliver is prepared to “call the application in” if officers refused the application. This would allow members of the committee to speak to the Planning Committee in the Council Chambers
2. Website Booking Program up and running, all requests for bookings at present go via MD who checks with RT for the availability. Eventually, all will be completed on line. Notification of the electronic system will be in the Parish Bugle as well as a flyer being circulated throughout the village in September
3. CIO document is expected shortly – RCCE extremely busy, hopefully ready for the next meeting. Advice has been that the lease agreement should include all of the building – including the chancel and bell tower – even though the upkeep of certain areas will be the responsibility of the PCC. RT will contact the Arch Deacon to clarify
4. Business plan has been circulated and comments have been noted- bank account details, missing income to be addressed, seek donations, formal lease agreement etc.
5. A.O.B.

JB stated that another quote for fencing had reduced the value by £200. He also asked if VAT could be claimed back from some expenditure – solar panels, fencing firms etc. As it would be an initial PCC installation - RT to investigate. Further grants would be necessary to balance the cost of the solar panel installation but need to wait until planning has been approved. DR asked who owns the car parking areas around the Coach & Horses. It is a shared agreement at present but a formal arrangement should be in place for future owners of the pub

**Meeting closed at 8.45pm**

**Next Meeting will be September 5th 2023 at 7.30pm Wicken Bonhunt Community Centre**