



# THE FOX INN

## GARBOLDISHAM Community Pub

### MINUTES OF THE GARBOLDISHAM FOX CIC DIRECTORS' BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024 AT THE FOX

**Present: Iain Entwistle (IE), Greig Morris (GM), Chris Foulds (CF), Louisa Evans (LE), Janet Hance (JH), Ash Harris (AH), Wendy Johnson (WJ), William Nunn (WN)**

#### **Main topics discussed;**

##### **New Toilets;**

Back door had been fitted, new windows were being installed,

Main works to commence after birthday party on 20<sup>th</sup> July, awaiting delivery of sanitary wear and tiles etc before progressing much further,

All agreed with the recommendation to go with 420mm height toilets for ladies & gents,

Estimated spend to date; £10k (including new door),

Breckland had asked for an update on progress and when we expected to submit our first application for draw down of grant, IE to reply,

AH to speak to IH regarding recording of manhours spent & estimated labour costs,

CF suggested we commissioned an invasive structural survey to assess the need to restore the West wall; IE to make some enquiries,

##### **Finance;**

Profit from beer festival; £4,189, slightly lower than previous year due to less sponsorship, decision not to charge food vendors for pitch fee and cost of security,

##### **Bar;**

Real cider stocks rationalised after beer festival, however plan was still to have a choice of nine different types,

Post mix on hold for now for soft drinks; cans would continue to be used based on recent customer feedback, Alternative lager might be considered to replace Dry Hopped or Bruha depending on sales performance over the Summer,

##### **Beer Festival feedback;**

Atmosphere was great, relaxed, safe (security was well received). Food/drinks/music mix was much appreciated. On Saturday, main bar was busy from early afternoon, but didn't reach the peak of last year. Lots of families came along – consider doing a bit more for them next year,

Setup/cleanup arrangement was more organised and ran more smoothly than last year,

Real Cider from the main bar versus tokens for Real Ale was a bit confusing for some, consider changing the arrangement next year,

Official review meeting would be held towards the end of July when RS was back from holiday,

All volunteers along with the organising committee were thanked by the Board,

Idea from Steve Williamson was discussed to replace top marquee with permanent wooden structure with hardstand floor which could be used as a stage for future events. Consider using the bequest from David Hance to cover the cost and provide a commemorative plaque to thank Janet & David for all their help & support over the years.

**Events;**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July; live music from Walkway, 3<sup>rd</sup> person to be added to rota for outside bar,

‘Meet the brewer’ night planned for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September with Nene Valley,

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October; Murder Mystery, Dabbawalla to cater, GADS to set price & sell tickets,

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November; music event at Village Hall, IE to send note to LE/IH as a reminder to avoid clashing,

Future Festivals; smaller scale Winter beer celebration was planned for 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> December (Fox birthday) using the six pumps rather than the stillage,

Similar idea for the Autumn Cider Festival (25<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> October) plus possible guest spot by Sunfire Spirits,

**AOB**

CAMRA meeting to be held at The Fox on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July @ 7:30pm,

England v Netherlands also being shown on 10<sup>th</sup> July from 8pm,

All agreed we should accept the offer of advertising The Fox at Thetford FC, IE also suggested doing something with Garboldisham CC,

**DONM;**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August, 6:30pm @ The Fox