

**Minutes of the Village Hall Committee Meeting
Held on Monday 23 January 2006**

Action

1 Present

Mr Richard Taylor (Chair)
Mrs Brenda Watson (PC)
Mrs Sue Akers (Residents)
Mr Malcolm Beard (Bowls)
Mrs Karen Beard (WI)

Mrs Sheila Humphreys (Horti)
Mr David Carden (PP)
Mr Nick Satchell
Mrs Chris Thompson (PC)

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Gills Wells & Mr Ken Beard

2 Minutes

One correction to the minutes was noted – the date of the jumble should be 4th February not 5th February. The minutes were then confirmed as a correct record and signed.

3 Matters Arising

- a) Rear of stage storage – Mr Frank Botterill is making the calculations required for submission to the Local Authority for their building regulations file.

Mr Botterill

Mr Taylor has obtained a quote for the electrical work - £636.83 inclusive of VAT. The quote included the cost to re-site a heat detector – Mr Taylor has now identified one already there – the cost could therefore be slightly less.

The total cost will be approximately £2,500 – a lot lower than the previous estimate. Nearer the time the Pantomime Society & Plumpton Players would be asked to contribute to the cost.

- b) Licensing Laws - Mrs Akers confirmed that the new licence was working well but requested that future bookings are notified to Mr Robin Akers in advance to enable him to establish if a Tens licence is required.

The Sussex Muckleflugga will need a TENS licence for their function in April - Mr Taylor agreed to locate their telephone number and ring to remind them to apply for one.

Mr Taylor

- c) Noticeboard – Kent Supplies Catalogue still to be looked at.

- d) Village Hall Plaque – Mrs Ridley has had no success in locating a craftsman to renovate the plaque. Mrs Akers agreed to search for a craftsman for the renovation.

Mrs Akers

- e) Tiles - Mr Malcolm Beard presented a quote from Weatherbeaters for £2765 inclusive of VAT. It was agreed to present the quote to the Parish Council for discussion at the next meeting,

- f) Sound System - Mr Satchell confirmed that he has renovated the sound system and added two new Amplifiers. Mr Carden requested instructions for the sound system. Mr Satchell confirmed he would label all parts of the system once the pantomime has finished.
- g) New Door entry system – the list of current card holders was checked to decide who would need new cards. Once all the cards have been issued a date will be decided to activate the new entry system.
- h) Lighting bars – Basic floodlights to be added and populated lighting bars as current not up to standard – Mr Satchell to re-visit his previous plans for the lighting and look at reserve for funding.

4 Finance Report

Mr Satchell presented the current accounts and confirmed that income & expenditure were normal for this time of year.

Capital budget has enough money to cover the cost of the new fascias. Mr Satchell will calculate the revised rates for the hiring of the village hall for the March meeting.

Mr Satchell

The charity accounts are now ready – Mr Taylor to sign off next week.

5 Village Hall – general review

Mrs Beard confirmed that the kitchen hall had been cleaned along with a general 'big clean' of the kitchen area.

6 Village Green – general review

Village Fair – general consensus was it worked well and was a popular village event. Mr Satchell to speak to Shan Allen about a possible summer fayre. Fundraising to be for a specific project – possibly new gates at the playing fields – Mr Spiers to be approached about the idea.

7 Fundraising

Mrs Watson confirmed that the sales of the revised Plumpton book had been good and that approximately 40 remained. Mrs Beard thanked Mrs Watson and Mr Satchell for all their hard work in producing the book.

Jumble Sale – Mrs Wells is having a tombola and would be grateful for any donations.

8 Points of interest

Mrs Akers asked if a donation could be made in memory of the late Village Hall secretary – Mrs Heather Pearce.

Alan Greening will be 'retiring' from his village bookstall in September with one final book sale. It was suggested that Raymond Briggs be approached to do an original picture to present to Alan as a thank you form all the village organisations he has helped.

Youth Club – Mr Satchell confirmed that no interest had been shown in running the youth Club – he will now do an inventory of youth club assets. Equipment to be given to other youth clubs or sold – any money raised will go into the millennium fund for youth in the village.

Date of next meeting – 6 March 2006