

**Minutes of the Village Hall Committee Meeting
held on Tuesday 23 January 2007.**

Present:

Richard Taylor (Chairman), Karen Beard, Ken Beard, Malcolm Beard, Carole Burgon (Secretary), David Carden, Sheila Humphries, Nick Satchell, Chris Thompson, Terry Thompsett.

Apologies:

Sue Akers, Brenda Watson.

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2006 were agreed and signed.

Matters arising:

Storage – the new cupboards are to be built soon and the rear door will be replaced. Richard is to meet Mr Bradshaw on 24 January. Terry was disappointed that the proposed cupboard was not as high as the Pantomime Society had hoped and provided less storage. If the light were moved the cupboard could be higher. If storage on the stage is not required by Carol Grant (Dancing) or Janet Oliver (Dog Agility) the Pantomime Society could make use of it. David Carden suggested that the lights should be fixed to the pillars between the bays. Richard will discuss the size of the cupboards with Mr Bradshaw.

Fire risk assessment – all requirements from this have been completed.

Lighting bars – Nick Satchell wants an on-stage meeting with The Pantomime Society and the Players to discuss what is most suitable for both. He would like the Hall self-sufficient for both lighting and sound. If there is a saving on the hire of lighting, the Pantomime Society may well contribute to the cost. Nick suggests current industry-type lights. Richard feels we need to retain the four bars we have at present, but should upgrade the three under consideration.

Gutters – Malcolm has attended to these. Another has come away from its bracket.

Village Green trees – Ken will replace these as soon as the weather is more reasonable.

Doctor's room – the hairdresser is now situated in the Scout hut.

Village Hall interior – the cobwebs have been removed and the kitchen has had a good clean. All the fire exit notices are up.

Village Green - it is still uncertain as to whether the ditch has been cleared. The dog bin has been reattached. It's designation as a Village Green has not been clarified as the criteria were not met. This will be looked at again.

Hire Conditions – these have been revised and were agreed for use.

Village Fair – no one has offered to help organise this. Nick and Alan Greening will plan for Summer 2008.

Finance:

Nick presented a statement on the current position. There will be an over-spend on the bills this year, especially for electricity and maintenance. We may need to review the pricing again and Nick will consider this for the next meeting. There have been problems with the billing for the electricity and we might also get a better deal from another supplier. Chris Thompson suggested payment by direct debit.

General review:

The window frames need restaining and Malcolm will do this.

Village Hall Secretary:

Nothing to report.

Fundraising:

The next Jumble Sale is on Saturday, 27 January.

Points of interest:

None.

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 6 March, 2007 at 7.30 p.m.