

**Minutes of the Village Hall Committee Meeting
held on Monday 29 January 2008.**

Present:

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

Apologies:

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Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2007 were agreed and signed.

Matters arising:

Stage Curtains – These are very fragile and beginning to tear again despite recent repairs. Consideration will soon be necessary regarding their replacement.

Village Green – The College has been approached about the proposed W I seat. A student will design the seat, around the oak tree, as a project. The Tree Officer for LDC says that the tree in question has some disease and Des Lambert agrees that when the seat is put in place great care is needed to avoid disruption to the roots.

Ken will look again at the shrubs on the back fence to see if further pruning can be done. The ivy on the back of the Hall has been cleared by David Westgate.

Lighting bars – These have been used for the Pantomime.

Ladies toilets – Richard has had trouble replacing the bolts on the cubicles and has used cabin hooks instead. Windows have been broken which have now been boarded up. The paper towels which have been supplied to supplement the hand dryers prove difficult to remove from the dispensers singly.

Dishwasher – This has been adjusted. The plates should ideally be rinsed before washing. We may replace it eventually and use the current one in the bar.

Access to footpath – It is impossible to use the footpath using a disability scooter as a route to the main road, as there is a step from the tarmac onto the pathway. **Terry** will look to see whether he can build a short ramp to overcome this problem.

Hall Spring-clean – a working party will give the Hall an extra clean on the evening of Friday 29 February at 6.30 p.m. The vacuum cleaner needs attention or replacement as it is not very efficient.

Stage fan – this needs repair.

Finance:

Income is coming in well and in excess of the budget. Expenditure is up because of the various projects.

Village Hall and Village Green General Review:

The have been covered in Matters Arising.

Village Hall Secretary:

Arrangements have been made for cover over her holiday period.

Jumble Sale:

Everything organised for the forthcoming sale on 2 February.

Points of interest:

The Village Fair will take place on 5 July 2008.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 31 March 2008 at 7.30 p.m.