

These minutes are in draft form. They will be ratified at the next meeting.

Minutes of the Village Hall Committee held on Monday, 8 February, 2010

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

Apologies: Sue Akers, Chris Thompson

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 2 December, 2009 were agreed and signed.

Matters arising:

- Acoustic Panels – ongoing
- The WI plaque has been fixed. Those for the trees will be affixed when the weather allows.
- The edging strip in the Car Park has been put back in place.
- The missing large tables have been found.
- The contract for the grass cutting and gardening is due for renewal in April. This could be tendered for as two separate contracts.
- Hatch doors will be replaced if necessary when the kitchen is refurbished.
- Kitchen project – all the ideas from the last meeting have been included in new plans. Nick is to reconvene the meeting of users in the next few weeks.

The Pantomime Society was disappointed that despite all the new lighting there was still a large bill for hiring items. This needs to be looked at in detail. The meeting felt that all future projects, including the kitchen and enhanced electricity supply for the stage, might be lumped together with a view to obtaining another Public Work loan. Nick has asked Liz about this. It would enable us to complete projects once started.

- The tree overhanging the footpath is to be cut down. At present the first part of the footpath at the Village Hall end is unusable because of the mud.
- Jumble Sales – there has been a largely positive response over the new policy. Mr Prior who collects jumble after the sale has a new phone number which The Secretary will give organizations when they book.
- The Secretary will write to Carol Grant that we feel there is no conflict of interest with the other dance classes, including a copy of Julia's letter.

Finance: We are slightly over budget as regards income. The Village Hall Jumble Sale raised £1128.

Village Hall – general review:

- The football table needs to be removed.
- Terry asked for another paper towel dispenser. The present electric dryers do not work efficiently and consequently visitors to the Hall either use the paper towels or do not wash their hands at all. Nick will investigate the cost of high powered ones.
- Richard is to get 2 new keys cut for the Bar Area, the Secretary to hold one of them.

- The gutter on the South side of the hall is still leaking.
- The storage heater on the stage is never used and gets in the way. Richard has plans to disconnect it and keep it as a spare.
- Doctor's Room – this is being used for essential storage at present, including the scaffolding tower, which would prevent it being used for anything else.
- The black curtains are very dusty and may also be a future project for replacement.

Village Green – general review:

- A notice board for the Village Action Plan Team is to be placed adjacent to Belmont on Station Road. The Parish Council is to discuss notice boards at their next meeting.

Village Hall Secretary:

- Members were asked for their email addresses as a more efficient way of contact.
- It is becoming increasingly difficult to make regular bookings for a number of weeks, the only free evening at present is Monday, after 8.00 p.m.

Fund raising: The Village fair is booked for 3 July, Nick will be calling a meeting about it shortly.

Points of interest:

- The sound system needs to be stripped down and made to work properly.
- There has been no response to the request to move the Polling Station to another venue.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 12 April 2010 at 7.30 p.m.