

**Minutes of the Village Hall Committee Meeting
held on Monday 6 March 2006**

1 Present

Mr Richard Taylor (Chair)	Mrs Carole Burgon (Secretary)
Mrs Brenda Watson (PC)	Mrs Chris Thompson (PC)
Mr Ken Beard (PC)	Mrs Karen Beard (WI)
Mr Malcolm Beard (Bowls)	Mrs Gill Wells (Flower Club)

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Nick Satchell, Mr David Carden, Mrs Sue Akers and Mrs Sheila Humphries.

2 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 23 January 2006 were agreed and signed as a true record.

3 Matters arising

- Terry Thomsett had written on behalf of the Pantomime Society regarding the cupboards, currently used to store paint. He suggests constructing a row of similar cupboards across the back of the stage. If this provides sufficient space, there may be no need for the over-stage storage area. Further consideration is needed over this.
- Temporary entertainments notice – under the terms of the licence the hall may be hired for up to 96 hours. This does not fit with the conditions of the hall requiring vacation of the premises by 12 midnight. Mr Taylor needs to discuss the terms of the new licence with Mr Robin Akers. Mrs Liz Cullen may also need to obtain clarification, as Mr Taylor has been advised by the District Council that the 21 days notification prior to a major stage production is not necessary. **Action Mr Taylor**
- Noticeboard – nothing suitable in the Kent Supplies catalogue.
- Village Hall Plaque – Mrs Sue Akers is still looking for someone to renovate it.
- The tiles on the south side of the building are to be replaced by boarding. Weatherbeaters can do this work for a cost of £2765 and the VAT is recoverable. It was agreed to do this work.
- The sound system has been renewed and is working.
- Door entry system – the new cards have been received, but the instructions for use are not clear. When Mr Taylor has been advised by Mr Martin Gilbert on how they work they will be issued to all regular users.
- Lighting bars – the four bars on the stage need renewing, the work to be done in the summer at the latest. Mr Nick Satchell to advise. **Action Mr Satchell**
- Village Fair – no feedback on this. It was felt that it is probably too late to organise it but we could do something on a smaller scale.
- Jumble Sale- £869.45 profit. Next Jumble Sale to be 21 October 2006.
- The Parish Council has sent a donation to the Friends of Princess Royal Hospital in memory of Mrs Heather Pearce.
- Village bookstall – organisations for whom Alan Greening has done book sales may be asked for a donation towards his painting. His last sale is to be in September and it is uncertain that anyone will carry this on. The stock could be taken over and the stall run by us at Jumble Sales.

- Youth Club – There has been no interest in running it. The equipment will be sold. Mrs Karen Beard and the Care Club will be taking over the cupboards. It was suggested that the equipment could be offered to other youth clubs.

4 Finance Report

No financial report was available, however the reserves and income are good.

5 Village Hall –general review

The new cupboard in the kitchen now contains the glasses, other cupboards having been reorganised.

The side walls of the stage have been painted black.

6 Village Green – general review

Mr Ken Beard has still to replace the tree which has died. **Action Mr Ken Beard**

7 Items from Village Hall Secretary

Mrs Burgon will write to Mrs Jo Taylor to thank her for standing in as Secretary.

8 Fundraising

Village Hall Jumble Sales will be held on 27 January and 20 October 2007.

The Chailey School Jumble Sale will go ahead on 30 September as it has been booked. However we will review the situation afterwards and may suggest that they go to other villages on future occasions. We do not wish to compromise the village's reputation for holding good, well organised Jumble Sales.

Using the stage as a place to store things must be discouraged.

Mr Taylor has nearly cleared the dustbin area of items which have been left there.

9 Points of interest

Mrs Watson has found a sign from Signs by Design for advertising future events. It measures 4ft. X 3ft., is white with green lettering and poles. The cost would be £365 plus an extra £120 if they cement it in. It would be a temporary sign so that planning permission is not required. Its position will be decided when the committee can all go out in daylight. A decision must be made too on how long organisations can use it for display.

Kitchen mixer tap – Alan Upton thinks that people are turning it off too tightly and thus cutting into the washer.

Date of next meeting – Monday 8 May 2006 at 7.30 p.m.