

**Minutes of the Village Hall Committee Meeting
held on Monday 31 March 2008.**

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

Apologies: Sue Akers, Gill Wells, Ken Beard.

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2008 were agreed and signed.

Matters arising:

W.I. seat – Because of probable stress to the oak tree, the seat will now be sited elsewhere on the Green. It is to be in the shape of a horseshoe. Des Lambert has been contacted about the change of plan.

Access to footpath – Terry has received two quotes for providing a ramp down from the tarmac pavement onto the footpath. One using scalplings at £395, the other for concrete at £595. This will be reviewed later in the year when into the new budget.

Spring clean – This had been a successful operation. Thanks were given to all who had helped including Val Taylor and Jimmy Thompson. The cobwebs have been dealt with for now and the Kitchen and Cloakroom thoroughly cleaned. It was felt that this exercise should take place twice a year. Deeper waste bins are needed in the toilets for the paper towels. There is a new vacuum cleaner which is chained up in the kitchen.

Stage fan – Still awaiting repair.

Jumble Sale - £960 was raised.

Village Fair – monies raised will be used for projects in the Hall.

Finance:

It is important that we keep ahead on income in order to fund any improvements or refurbishment.

Village Hall – general review:

Already covered in matters arising.

Village Green – general review:

The white lines need redoing in the Car Park. **Terry** will obtain a price for this.

Village Hall Secretary:

There is an outstanding payment for a cancellation. The Secretary will re-submit the invoice in the hope of payment.

We have lost two regular users. Sadly Kevin Marquess has died. He was the Junior Badminton coach. Annie Murray is to discontinue Musical Jumps as there are too few children to make it viable.

Fundraising:

Next Village Hall Jumble Sale 11 October 2008. The Secretary will provide an revised list of dates for the helpers at the next Jumble Sale in May.

Points of interest:

Fire alarms – These need maintaining professionally. Richard has approached Mid Sussex Fire for quotations. They will charge £165 for the first visit and £125 for subsequent visits. They will also check and maintain the emergency lighting, £125 for the first visit and £95 thereafter. Both of these will be checked twice a year. This was agreed.

Licence for the Tip – East Sussex had sent Richard a form for a licence to take left over jumble to the Tip. It was limited to a specific driver only. Richard will ring to ask whether each organisation holding a Jumble Sale will need its own licence and how we may most easily resolve this matter.

A new fire exit door is to be fitted in the Small Hall.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 2 June 2008 at 7.30 p.m.