

These minutes are in draft form. They will be ratified by the Committee at the next meeting on 7 June, 2010

**Minutes of the Village Hall Committee
held on Monday, 12 April, 2010**

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

Apologies: Terry Thompsett

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 8 February 2010 were agreed and signed.

Matters arising:

- Acoustic panels – Nick had a sample and the range of available colours. He estimates that to cover the whole of the end wall would cost in the region of £1500. This allows for 10 panels 2.7m x 1.2m. He is to draw up a plan to send to the manufacturer.
- The tree plaques will be fixed when the weather permits.
- Grass cutting – invitations to tender have been sent out to interested parties. The contract has been split into two, grass and gardening.
- New kitchen – some heating is probably necessary to prevent frozen pipes in the ceiling above. A meeting will be held on Monday 19 April for interested groups.
- The tree above the footpath is to be lopped.
- The footpath is very muddy in wet weather, but will be left for the moment.
- The current arrangements for both dance classes will remain for the present.
- The football table is to go to the Scouts.
- More paper towels will be provided to supplement the ineffective hand dryers. Nick has found 2500 watt hand dryers for £56 each and two will be ordered, one for each cloakroom.
- Keys have been cut for the Bar door.
- Gutter parts have been ordered.
- The storage unit on the stage is to stay as a spare for the others.
- The Doctor's room is to remain as a storage facility. The sign may be taken down.
- A notice board for the Village Action Plan is to be placed on the green next to Belmont. Insurance is required for this.
- Village Fair, 3 July. - This is going ahead as planned. Letters are going out to various groups for assistance.

Finance: There is a surplus at the end of the year as there has been no capital expenditure. Nick has compiled a list of the works needed at the Hall. These include the new kitchen, refit for the Bar, 3 phase power for the stage, overhauling the sound system and new lighting desk. He suggests applying for a loan from the Public Works Loan Board for £30,000 repayable over 15 years. Permission to apply for this must be sought from the District Council. £5000 for the projects will come from Reserves. Nick was thanked for his hard work.

Village Hall – general review: Terry Reports that some of the cement work around the tiled roofs is looking “tired” and that tiles on the large gable at the west end have slipped. He is to be asked to arrange for someone to do the repair or to give Richard contact details of someone suitable. The water boiler is awaiting repair.

Village Green – general review: The Committee agreed that the Green was looking very attractive with the daffodils in bloom.

Village Hall Secretary: The Secretary is anxious as to how payments will be made when cheques are no longer usable.

Fund raising: Future events will be the Village Fair on 3 July and the Jumble Sale in October. Crockery is needed for the crockery Smash

Points of interest: The copy diary will be available for month ahead.

Date of next meeting: Monday 7 June at 7.30 p.m.