

Minutes of the Village Hall Meeting held on 8 May 2006

Present

Richard Taylor	Nick Satchell
Ken Beard	Karen Beard
Malcolm Beard	Sheila Humphries
David Carden	Sue Akers
Gill Wells	Chris Thompson
Carole Burgon	

Apologies for absence – Brenda Watson

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising –

Village Hall plaque – Foye Ridley has obtained a quote for the restoration of the plaque.

Stage roof storage – Terry Tompsett has suggested that instead of a storage area in the roof of the stage cupboards in the alcoves would be a better solution with a lower cost. Concerns were raised about reaching the top shelves in the cupboards using a ladder. It was suggested that clothes rails be placed at the top of the cupboards with access via a pole. Check with the insurance company any implications about the use of a ladder – possibly a ladder similar to used in libraries. The hall is covered by public liability insurance for all non-business use. A decision will need to be made soon so that the work can be done in the summer. Terry Tompsett to be approached to provide a quote for the work. **Action – Carole Burgon**

Temporary Entertainment notice – This enables people hiring the hall to use it for a continuous 96 hour period. Richard has spoken to Gary Clark the licensing officer who has advised that the village hall opening times override the TEN. Richard to ask for confirmation in writing. A copy of the licence is displayed in the kitchen.

Noticeboard – no further progress.

Tiling – south side of hall – Quotes have been received for plastic tiling from Weatherbeaters - £2765 & Trimseal - £2650 also for the 'wood substitute' - £5121. Wood cladding was suggested – too high maintenance. Re-tiling was also suggested – Sue Akers offered to obtain a quote for this. Whatever is put in place needs to be durable and low maintenance. **Action – Sue Akers**

Sound System – renewed and now working. When the horticultural Society used the hall there was some interference with the microphones from electrical items – Nick Satchell to investigate.

Door entry system – Richard to phone Martin Gilbert to ask him to install the new system. Cards were distributed to those present who required new cards. Cards will be restricted after the incident with the Plumpton Players.

Stage lighting bars – Nick has found the old plans. The new bars would be wider than the old bars – cost was £350 on the old plan – Nick to re-visit spec and price 4 new bars. Decision to be made by July for work to take place over the summer.

Village Fair – No feedback – no fair this year – next village fair will be 2007

Alan Greening bookstall – no-one has come forward to take over the running of the stall.

Presentation to Alan for all his hard work will be on Friday 1 September in the small hall. All societies who have received donations from Alan will be approached and asked to contribute to a leaving present – cheques to be payable to Plumpton PC
Raymond Briggs is unable to do a picture for Alan – could Lynsey Smith be approached to do a picture? Food and drink will be provided from Village Hall funds.
Karen Beard agreed to make the presentation to Alan. **Action – Karen Beard**

Youth Club – Equipment now stored in old doctors surgery.

Finance – Total underspend £1534/ Additional income £599 – Net surplus £2134.12.
Nick Satchell is currently doing charity submission of the accounts.
The village hall hiring rates will increase from June 2006 by 20% and remain at that rate until April 2008.

Village Hall review – Ann Chapman has asked if 4 tables could be left down for the Care Club lunches as they are difficult to move. Karen Beard agreed to organise labels for the tables and for them to be stored on the stage. **Action – Karen Beard**

Village Green – Ken Beard has been unable to find a replacement tree – Ken to try and find a different type to replace. **Action - Ken Beard**

Village Hall Secretary – Burgess Hill operatic Society pay village rates for hiring the hall. It was unanimously agreed that non-village rates be charged to Non- village based societies in future.

Fundraising – nothing

Points of interest – None

Date of next meeting – 10 July 2006