

**Minutes of the Village Hall Committee Meeting
held on Monday 2 June 2008.**

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

Apologies: Chris Thompson and Malcolm Beard.

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2008 were agreed and signed.

Matters arising:

WI seat – The WI committee has not yet decided whether to get the seat made at Plumpton College or to buy ready made. All the trees on the green will have to be inspected for insurance purposes which could make a substantial saving on the premium.

Access to footpath – the work on this is still to be done.

Outstanding payment – there has been no reply despite resubmitting the bill and a letter.

Licences for the tip – 12 forms have been received and will be given out to jumble sale holders. They require the name of the charity although not all organisations holding jumble sales are charities. Carole will copy another 10 forms.

Village Fair – Nick is arranging insurance cover for the event.

Finance:

The new hire rates have been implemented and income is good. Expenses were controlled last year. The Council subsidy is less for the Village Hall year on year.

Projects – the kitchen is under consideration for refurbishment. There will be consultation with Care Club and WI as to their requirements. The dishwasher will be upgraded.

Village Hall – general review:

Stepladder – this needs a notice warning of sharp edges underneath.

Gutters – these are leaking at the joints in the area around the committee room. They may need mesh over to keep leaves out. **Terry** will investigate.

Plumpton Players reported that somebody had had access to the set and things had been moved about. A complaint was made that the floor was not very clean but this may just be accumulation of dust during the week.

Village Green – general review:

The post and rail fence had fallen down on the footpath at the Station Road end. This will be removed.

A comment was made that there is no lifebelt by the pond. Notices always get taken down. A more permanent notice will be placed, possibly on the bridge.

Village Hall Secretary:

The piano in the Small Hall needs better wheels. The piano in the Large Hall could be tuned but the cost would have to be borne by the hirer.

Fundraising:

Village Fair – Sue Akers wants bales of straw to be collected from Heath Farm on the day. Richard will bring the skittle alley down.

Points of interest:

It was suggested that the toilets need a deep clean. Malcolm will paint the toilets and Richard will then arrange to have a firm in to do a professional clean.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 4 August 2008 at 7.30 p.m.