

**Minutes of the Village Hall Committee Meeting
held on Monday 10 July 2006**

Present:

Richard Taylor (Chairman), Sue Akers, Karen Beard , Carole Burgon (Secretary), Sheila Humphries, Brenda Watson, Gill Wells, David Carden, Nick Satchell.

Apologies:

Chris Thompson, Ken Beard, Malcolm Beard.

Minutes:

The Minutes were agreed and signed after the following amendments;

- Stage roof storage – we may be able to use the existing steps in order to comply with insurance requirements.
- Stage lighting bars – these will cost £350 each to purchase exclusive of installation.
- Increase in hiring rates – these have risen by 6 – 8 % and will remain so until April 2008.

Matters arising:

Village Hall plaque – A quote has been received from Ginette Walsh for £1250. The work will fully restore the plaque, provide a protective top coat and re-varnish the frame. The cost includes the hire of a scaffolding tower. It was agreed that this should be done.

South-Side tiling – a letter had been received from Terry Tompsett with regard to the suggested cladding. Wood substitute would cost around £5000. Another option would be treated timber cladding.

Sue Akers had received a quote of £360 for replacement tiles.

The Planners need to be approached to see what materials we could use.

There is no price for wooden shiplap. **Sue Akers** will ask Terry for a quote.

Karen Beard will ask Malcolm for a quote to supply, fit and stain. The old tiles will need to be disposed of using a skip. **Carole** will notify Terry of the next meeting.

Notice board – Brenda Watson reported no further progress as she has been unable to get in touch with the supplier.

Lighting bars – the four new bars may need extra chains to hold them up. **Nick Satchell**

will investigate as to whether the bars will fit the existing system as regards the dimmer packs.

Village Fair – although not necessarily a Village Hall function, **Nick Satchell** will see how many people he can get to organise one for June 2007.

Finance:

An extra large electricity bill of over £3000 has been received, mainly due to repeated estimated readings. When bills are received in future, the reading must be double checked and EDF notified of any difference via the internet.

Village hall – exterior:

The guttering over the doors on the south side is leaking. **Malcolm Beard** is to check for any blockages.

The dead tree will be replaced in the autumn by **Ken Beard**.

The rail on the south side of the bridge is loose.

Items from Village Hall Secretary:

The Sandpit Liaison group will not be charged for the Committee Room.

The School has approached the Parish Council with a view to using the Village Hall should it be necessary to evacuate the children to safety. This is under consideration.

The triplicate forms are no longer necessary for Stage performances, but **Carole** will ask for a letter confirming this.

There have been complaints from near neighbours of the Village Hall with regard to noise. Sue Akers has apologised to them. The hiring conditions are to be amended such that all music making and disco equipment must only be on the stage and that the west end double doors must not be opened. Also to indicate that the Hall Licence only applies to the interior of the building and that no alcoholic drinks may be consumed outside. There is no insurance cover outside, except for the car park area.

Alan Greening:

Karen reported that £100 had already been collected, with more still to come in.

Lindsay Smith has painted three pictures of the Plumpton Churches for £120 with frames. Raymond Briggs has drawn a Snowman picture. Karen has asked that cheques for the collection be payable to the Parish Council. This will enable Liz to issue one cheque to be given to Alan. Karen will purchase two boxes of wine and arrange for light refreshments for 1st September.

Fundraising:

Next Village Hall jumble sale – 21st October 2006.

Points of Interest:

Doctor's Room – There was a lengthy discussion over allowing the Doctor's room to be let commercially as a hairdresser's premises. Even if the Charity Commission were to rule that it did not affect the charitable status of the hall there were some on the Hall Committee who were unhappy about such a use for the room. A vote was taken and only one member was in favour, 7 against and one abstention.

Sue Akers asked that the dead conifers be removed from the front of the entrance to the car park.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 12th September 2006