

**Minutes of the Village Hall Committee
held on Monday 4 August 2008**

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

Apologies: Sue Akers.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2008 were signed as a true record.

Matters arising:

Tip licence – Richard has spare copies of the application form for Jumble Sale helpers.

The Village Fair had been very successful and raised £2091.

Stepladder – still requires notice of sharp edges.

Leaking gutters – mesh against leaves would cost £3 per metre. It was decided to keep this on hold and clear the gutters twice a year and see whether this is enough to stop the problem.

The post and rail fence on the footpath has been removed.

Richard has measured up for bigger wheels on the piano.

Deep clean for the toilets – Malcolm is decorating first and Richard will obtain quotes for the clean. This could be done at the same time as the Kitchen.

Finance: The cost of insurance was less due to improved quotations. There is plenty of money at present for maintenance. The subsidy on the Hall will reduce from 30% - 24% next year.

Village Hall – general review:

A quotation had been obtained at £450 for white thermoplastic lines in the Car Park. The existing fluorescent paint does not cope with weather and needs a light on it to be visible. It was agreed that the lines should be done and that we should see whether they can improve the fluorescence. The edge of the step from the fire doors needs marking as well.

Kitchen – the plastic beakers have disappeared. Nick will see if he can purchase another 50.

Acoustic panel – The mesh panel at the rear of the Large Hall has been damaged over the years. Terry will investigate with a local firm to see how it can be protected or repaired.

Village Green – general review

The bushes by the front door have been killed and will be removed. Grass has grown up in the corners of the Car Park which looks unsightly, it was agreed that we should pay extra to have it trimmed off.

Village Hall Secretary:

NADFAS is anxious about the sound system. Nick will check that it is working before each monthly meeting, from October to July on the second Tuesday of the month.

There is one outstanding bill unpaid from April, despite two reminders. Carole will phone the person concerned.

Fund raising: The next Jumble Sale is 11 October.

Points of interest:

The next Village Fair will be held on the first Saturday of July in 2010.

Nick will discuss with Liz the possibility of moving the Election to the Annexe to avoid disrupting the Plumpton Players production.

The Horticultural Society would like to be involved with the Kitchen refurbishment. All groups are to be consulted.

School production – the curtain was not chained back afterwards.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 6 October 2008 at 7.30 p.m.