

**Minutes of the Village Hall Committee Meeting
held on Monday 10 September 2007.**

Present:

Richard Taylor (Chairman), Sue Akers, Karen Beard, Ken Beard, Malcolm Beard, Carole Burgon (Secretary), David Carden, Sheila Humphries, Terry Thompsett, Gill Wells.

Apologies:

Nick Satchell.

Matters arising:

Hand towels - Richard has found a supplier for towels to supplement the air dryers in the toilets when there are large functions. Two dispensers are required for these and one has been found in the Doctor's cupboard.

Cookers – These are not being changed immediately, they have been cleaned. They will probably be replaced when the kitchen is renewed and refurbished.

Light fittings – Richard would like to consider replacing the strip-light fittings for safety reasons. They are easily knocked and the diffusers fall down.

Stage curtains – these are not repaired as yet. They will be done two at a time.

Village Green – The gardeners were asked to prune back the trees backing onto the fences of the neighbouring houses but the residents asked for them to be left alone.

Scaffolding tower – Richard is researching prices for a tower for the Hall which will make things easier for repairs and stage performances. We should probably need an 8m tower to reach the pitch of the roof.

Step edges – these and the edges of the flower beds are to be sprayed with yellow fluorescent paint.

TV licence – whether the Hall has one depends on proposed fund raising events.

Ivy – this is still to be pruned.

Jumble Sales – Village Hall on 10 November. A list of forthcoming sales will be posted for visitors to see. It must be made clear to all who hold a jumble sale that everything must be cleared as the Hall may have to pay for disposal at the tip. We may have to consider a deposit for Jumble Sales against anything being left.

Finance:

Nick Satchell was unavailable but finances are fine at present. The secretary requested more notice of price increases as she had received complaints from regular users of the Hall.

Lighting bars - £1000 from the Pantomime Society has been agreed. They would also be happy to pay a fee each year for using the lighting. However their offer is conditional on

anyone else using the lights also paying a fee. Hirers are to be advised at the time of booking this will happen when the new lights are installed.

Village hall - general review

Richard is to talk to the cleaner about the Large Hall floor being cleaned after the Dog Agility Class on Tuesdays.

Village Green – general review

The W I will be 90 next year and wish to give something back to the Village. Their suggestion is a seat to encircle the oak tree at the back of the Hall. Enquiries are to be made as to the cost of a wrought iron one from local blacksmiths and possibly the College. The W I will fundraise for this by means of a jumble sale or other functions.

Village Hall Secretary

It was established that only the Russian piano in the Small Hall requires tuning.

Fund Raising:

Nothing immediate, except Jumble Sale.

Points of interest:

A suggestion had appeared in the Magazine that plum trees be planted on the Village Green. Richard has requested a letter to the Parish Council for their consideration before anything can be done.

Date of next Meeting:

Monday 12 November at 7.30 p.m.