

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10TH APRIL 2017

PRESENT

Chris Thompson (Chair) Sheila Charlton (Secretary) Ian Stewart (Treasurer) Joyce Burt
Jo Angear Bryan Naish Rhys Clatworthy Cllr Malcolm Bradshaw

APOLOGIES

Karena Mayhew Karen Hathaway

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 13TH MARCH 2017

The Minutes having been circulated were signed by the Chairman as a true record of that meeting

MATTERS ARISING

Dishwater - instructions are needed to operate yet to be done by Sheila

Ian was congratulated by all for carrying out the car park white line project which look good.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank balance as at end of March 2017 was £18,670.73. March income £3,556.59 and expenditure £3682.09

Bank

HSBC have closed Hailsham Branch. I have worked out with help of Graham in the Post Office that I can pay in cash and cheques there as I now no longer go to Eastbourne.

I have a paying in card for cash and envelopes for cheques. It will take longer to clear cheques. We will have to see how this works out. I am reluctant to change banks but this may be necessary in the future.

I have investigated a card machine for Rhys but cannot get past HSBC telephone system yet!

Water and sewerage

SWA have notified us that we can now choose who we pay to take away the sewerage. I have stayed with the new suppliers for the time being. I received a note from SE Water that we could combine the two but when I rang them to see what savings there was it came to £15! This is the standing charge on the SWA bill.

I have the final SWA charge based on an estimated meter reading but when Rhys and I

went to check the meter we could not find it ongoing investigation!

Wealden Grant

I have submitted the report requested by Wealden to them on the work done under their grant ie windows and main hall floor

Electricity

I have reviewed with Scottish Power the monthly payment and this has increased from £461 to £683. I suspect this is slightly too much but it has been too low up to now so will be monitoring in the future.

CARETAKERS'S REPORT

This has not been a good month with very few enquiries and bookings. We have had two activities cancelled through lack of support – both were fundraising. There seems to be a lot of apathy around and people are just not making commitments.

Bookings

2017 – The value of bookings at the end of March 2017 was £35719. This is an increase of £180 over the month

2018 – Value of bookings stand at £2967. An increase of £95.00. Regular bookings have not been entered.

Electricity – Usage over the last 4-week period was £436.98

Maintenance

- Pumps – no problem

Actions

- Pyrotec have done the Fire Assessment. I have not received the results
- Two locks have had to be changed – normal wear and tear
- Seven emergency lights failed the 3-hour test and are being replaced immediately. Also most of the batteries need to be replaced legally and I have arranged that these will be replaced in two batches

Waste Disposal – Normal collection

FEASIBILITY 5 METRE BUFFER FOR USE AS A PLAY AREA

We are still waiting for Mick Goodsell to clear the brambles even though he has been reminded on several occasions. Until this has been done Ian cannot map out a plan for presentation to Mr & Mrs Ford.

ACCESS ROAD/LEASE

Papers have now been received by the Parish Clerk and it is now for councillors to discuss the matter further. **Agenda item for next meeting**

CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

This matter hinges on when the Herstmonceux Parish Council have completed the matters in the item above.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bryan brought to the attention of the committee that the Bowls Club were asking possible concerns as to whether they would like to place advertisements around the ground. It was agreed by the committee that we pursue this matter by contacting Dragon Signs asking them to prepare a proof for a 6' x 2' aluminium sign. Such a proof to be circulated to the committee before a commitment was made.

MAINTENANCE TO THE VILLAGE HALL

At this juncture the committee inspected the village hall in relation to re-decoration and it was agreed that the Secretary obtain a quote.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of next meeting will be on Monday 8th May 2017 starting at 6.30 pm