

**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2017**

PRESENT

Chris Thompson (Chair) Sheila Charlton (Secretary) Ian Stewart (Treasurer) Bryan Naish Karena Mayhew Jo Angear Joyce Burt Nick Porter Rhys Clatworthy

APOLOGIES

None

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 9th OCTOBER 2017

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

MATTERS ARISING

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank balance at end of October 2017 was £22907.28 (which includes unspent grants of £4725)

The operating surplus to date after deducting the grants is £3394 and after deducting the fund raising £2449

Income	£3041.11	
	Expenditure	£2698.85

- 1 Mick Goodsell has cut the hedge adjoining North Lodge. His bill is still awaited.
- 2 The hallways painted and I await Paul Hodge's bill for this element of the repainting
- 3 The treasurer received the Scottish Power quarterly bill showing we had a credit of £258.80. This was an estimated readings vastly in excess of actual readings so I submitted online revised readings. This resulted in the credit increasing to £1823.98. They then decided to reduce our Direct Debit to £474 per month from £685 per month. All well and good but they fail to understand that we are just about to enter something called WINTER when for some reason our electricity consumption increases dramatically! This means that our credit is used up quickly and with a lower monthly payment we are soon in debt! I have therefore been online and changed our Direct Debit back to £685 per month. As I have now registered online with them not only can I check our bills and consumption I can also vary from time to time the Direct Debit so I will be managing the bills not them!
- 4 The treasurer has had a couple of conversations with solar panel/heat pump providers. I think that solar panels are not an option. Our desired aim is to reduce our electricity consumption not to make money from generating elecricity from panels and selling to the

National Grid. Heat pumps may be an option for the immersion heaters but installing heat pumps for the heating of the hall may not be practical or viable. The providers pointed me in the direction of Bolney Village Hall where they have recently installed heat pumps. Bolney was a new build not a retro-fit but there appear to be new types of heat pumps for retro-fit heaters and immersions. I will carry out further investigations now that my sister is no longer acting!

5 On a similar basis the treasurer will be looking in to the CIC situation.

6 The treasurer is waiting for Land Registry to confirm that the roadway alteration has been completed at the Land Registry. Just so as you are all aware the change we completed in the Deed of Variation only becomes legally binding when entered on the Land Register.

7 After consultation with Rhys and Chris I have ordered the new keypad for the alarm. The old one has lasted almost 18 years so has served us well.

CARETAKERS'S REPORT

Bookings:

2017: The Value of bookings at the end of October 2017 was £39174 (£38902), increase of £272. This now means we are £950 up on last year's figures.

2018: Value of booking at the end September is £32951 (32628). An increase of £323.00.

Electricity: Usage over the last 3-week period was £328.47.

Maintenance:

Pumps - one pump has been taken away for service problem – reported to need replacing and an order has been made

Painter has been arranged for

- corridors have been completed
- Small hall 16th to 31st December
- Main hall 2nd to 13th April 2018 (9.00 – 18.00 hrs) evenings will be available

Actions:

- Pyrotec have done the fire assessment they are awaiting PAT testing certificate.

Waste Disposal: Normal collection

CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

Now the road situation has been completed we can now proceed with CIO. Ian is aiming for completing on this on 31st December 2017.

MAINTENANCE TO THE VILLAGE HALL

Cleaning Day for the Hall. The Chairman asked that this item be put on next month's agenda.

Noted

After the redecoration of the small hall a meeting be arranged to measure up the display pin boards for displaying notice boards and childrens' paintings. Item for next month's meeting

Noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The pump had been an issue of late and had been taken away for a service. Unfortunately we are in need of a new pump which has been ordered. The problem had been due to fibrous material. Ian and Rhys were under the impression that the pump was under guarantee it being only two years and 2 months old. However not the case, although file investigations are on going in the hope to find evidence to the contrary. It was felt that although we have signs explicitly asking people not to put items down the toilets this still persists. It was agreed that the signs be replaced on cream paper – Karina to supply paper. The Secretary was asked to write to all hall users asking them to be more aware of what not to put down toilets. **Noted**

It has come to our attention that the planter is cracked. We have received two quotes from Cecil Thompson one for £200 to make and mend and £760 to reconstruct. Rhys was asked to obtain a quote for railings to encompass the planter and report back at the next meeting when the matter would be discussed again. **Noted**

A service had taken place on Saturday 11th November by the remembrance plaque which unfortunately was not advertised in advance and thus not well attended. **Next year more time must be given to arranging such a service. Also in future the Village Hall would donate a wreath. Noted.**

The table cupboard off the hall is in need of some repairs. Left to Rhys to get a quote for the work and report back at the next meeting.

Panel Box Rhys had obtained a quote and after discussion with Ian it was decided to order a replacement

Lighting along the pavement. Unfortunately two ladies had fallen over recently. Rhys was asked to seek advice from Michael, the electrician and obtain a quote regarding the lights and options and to report back at the next meeting. **Noted**

Stage floor It was mentioned that the surface of the stage floor was very rough and in need of repair. It was agreed that we would apply to Wealden District Council small grant funds next year as there was not time to put together an application as the closing date was November 2017. **Noted**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Please note that the next meeting will be held on Monday 11th December 2017 at 6.30 pm