

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9TH JULY 2018

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES Joyce Burt

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH JUNE 2018

The Minutes having been circulated were signed after three amendments as a true record of the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

June Income £2665.40

June Expenditure £3776.37

Our income for the first 6 months is £21312.74 which is marginally down on 2017 but does include our fundraising on the Race Night.

Our expenditure is £18029.40 but this includes the £2275.00 for the hall decoration which was in last year's income so a true expenditure is £15754.44 which compares with 2017 of £16391.88 We just have to watch the electric bill on this one as for the last 4 months we have only been paying £1.00 per month instead of £685!!

PRS/PPL Music fees. The treasurer has managed to get these reduced from £844.25 to £660.80 a saving of £183.45. This is because of merger of PRS and PPL and their change of rules. They charge a flat rate of 1% on booking fees but now we can not only deduct fundraising and donations but also fees of hirers who have their own licence eg HATS, Taplin Dance and Extend. The treasurer thanked Rhys for providing at short notice the fees for these hirers.

Our electricity contract expires 31st August 2018. The treasurer has been investigating costs but they have all risen and although the treasurer has contacted several "on line" people they have all come back with more or less the same rates. Day rate then 9.8p now 14.76p Night rate then 6.89 now 10.51 These are very large increases. The only difference in the quotes received was that one said they could get the rate fixed for three years not just two.

The committee decided to renew our electricity contract for three years.

Water supply now with Castle Water who have taken over from South East Water. The treasurer has set up payment by Direct Debit which will save us £50 as a one off on the next bill. South East Water were supposed to do this a few months ago but they did not.

As mentioned at previous meetings the hire charges will be reviewed in September/October for increases from 1st January 2019.

The Chairman asked whether the accounts had yet been audited. It was left to the Treasurer to chase up Andrew Phillips and report back at the next meeting

CARETAKER'S REPORT

Bookings

2018 June has shown an increase in bookings by £637 which gives us a predictive total for 2018 of £39,126.

2019 Value of bookings at the end of June is £31205. This is a slight drop from last report because firm regular bookings are beginning to come through. As mentioned previously the figure for 2019 are provisional until all the regular time slots have been confirmed in the diary.

Electricity Usage over the last 4 -week period was £162.46

Maintenance - Sewage system has been serviced.

Waste disposal - normal collection

DATA PROTECTION ACT

Although Ian had sent the authority to committee members which is required under the GDPR for the hall to hold committee members' details not all members have returned their forms. Left to Secretary to follow up on this matter.

SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2018 - 100 YEARS UPDATE ON MEETING HELD 17TH MAY

Left to Secretary to circulate the informal listing of events from July to November. The four soldiers are now in situ and many complimentary comments have been made.

FUND RAISING

The new date for the quiz is now Friday 12th October and Ian will get in touch with Russ at the Brewers Arms to confirm the date with him. Catering to be discussed at the September meeting.

MAINTENANCE TO THE VILLAGE HALL

Herstmonceux Parish Council grant ideas for application:

* new dishwasher for main kitchen and transfer "old" one to small hall kitchen - cost range approx £1400 to £2500 plus vat. The committee discussed this item and it was left to Jo and Karina to do two trial runs at the WI Tea Party on 20th July and report back to the treasurer on their findings, the outcome of which would decide on what to do.

* new printer for office that prints double sided, colour scans emails etc £840 plus vat. The committee discussed this issue which was felt important to pursue. The Secretary stated that we could apply to the Village Information Centre as they would be looking at grant applications at the end of July 2018. The committee asked her to apply for funds from the centre.

*replace any defective double glazed windows.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Rhys brought to the attention the Luncheon Club's dilemma with regard to the extra session they have

to bear. After discussion it was agreed that as a good will gesture we would waiver the charge (viz second session 1.00 pm to 6.00 pm) for the months of July and September.

Bryan Naish brought to the attention of the commttee the state of the kitchen fridge. Users have been leaving their leftover Items. It was left to Rhys to put a notice on the fridge door that all items after every event should be taken away and not left in the fridge.

Jo felt that money should be set aside for a fence outside on the patio. Money could come from the developers using the village hall parking spaces in August. Item for September meeting.

The Secretary mentioned that with the pounding of the ground from the new housing estate - the other side of the surgery - there is the possibility that cracks may appear in the walls of the village hall. Ian stated that should this occur then this would be a matter between the village hall and the developers.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 10th September 2018 starting at 6.00 pm