

THURLESTONE PARISH HALL

Minutes of committee meeting held
14 November 2016, 4.30pm, Yeo Room

PRESENT A Daily (Secretary), J Le Grice, N Irwin (Chairman), K Livett, P MacDonald, A Martin, M Stickland, C White, L White (Treasurer) & B Zaffiro.

1. Apologies received from P Crawford, S Dwyer, M Elliott and D Martin.

2. Minutes of meeting held 10 October 2016 agreed and signed.

3. Events Programme 2016

- **Gilbert and Sullivan (12/11/2016)** –This had to be cancelled due to lack of interest, which was very disappointing. Mike read the response to his question asked as to how the Society are going generally, the trend is audience numbers are declining because there is too much competition on a Saturday night, they do better on other days. Our problem is our past supporters have, unfortunately, passed away, are in poor health or simply do not want to come out at night. Should we stop putting on events other than the Autumn Fair and the Family Fun Day? Idea of events is not to make money but to keep the Hall going. Events that were well supported were Grooveline, the Murder Mystery and the recent Call My Bluff, though only a handful of people were from the Parish. Do we put on more lunchtime events or start at an earlier time of 5.30 or 6 o'clock.
- **High Society 03/12/2016** –must make this successful, posters ready to go out, already advertised on the website and Village Voice and will go in next edition. Had a few responses so far, the committee need to support this as well. It was agreed to as an experiment to place an advert in the Gazette on 25th November to bring in interest from outside the area, Anna kindly volunteered to do this. High Society would like the balance (£420) paid in cash, Lisa will arrange this. Stage to be set up at 10am. **(Judith)**
- **Events for next year** – Festive Flutes are able to appear on 22 April for a fee of £800 **(Mike)**. Pat put forward Jonathan Delbridge, a pianist who is highly thought of and can play Classical as well as jazz. He charges £250 and the suggested time would be January or February. We need to encourage young Musicians. **(Pat)** Julian Ware has made a documentary film, about a racehorse reared on an allotment in Wales that goes on to win a prestigious race, and is very good. Anna will ask him if he would be willing to show this sometime in late January a bar will be provided and an earlier start at 5.30 to see if this will encourage people to attend. Cheese and Wine events are always well supported. A list will be compiled of what has been agreed and suggested so far. **(Neill & Alison)**

4. Treasurer's Report

Q1, 2,3 and part of 4 circulated. Income is for a new parking permit issued and the £2000 from Devon County Council. Main Hall Non Parish was a booking for ANOB who have also rebooked for next year. Yeo Room commercial was Charles Head. Expenditure was £21 for the license for the Gilbert & Sullivan evening which was cancelled. New Equipment costing £1865.44 spent on new Laptop, yellow paint for disabled bay, 2 snap frame poster holders, outside light starter and all the equipment for the new Wi-Fi remote locking system.

Cleaning costs increased due to using professional cleaners. Deep cleans of the kitchen and loos. Having the carpets cleaned and removal of the red wine stain in the Yeo room. Replenishing kitchen and toilet rolls. Repairs were for hedge and tree cutting, cooker service, rope lights. We also had the clock repaired but have not received a bill as it may still be under guarantee. There is £11,944.19 in the cheque account and £52,752.78 on deposit with £292.50 to be banked, totalling £64,989.47.

5. Maintenance Committee Report.

Has been an expensive year, fortunately disabled car parking space and light paid for by a former member of the committee and the laptop and floor cleaner covered by a grant from Invest in Devon.

- Locks – though expensive will hopefully be covered by a grant from Judy Pearce, these can be operated from home and every user will have their own unique keypad code which can be withdrawn at any time, no keys will be required. Set times for doors to be unlocked and locked at night. There is no danger of anyone being locked in. Paul Martin to source some stainless steel plates.
- Service of the cooker carried out after receiving complaints it was not performing as it should. Engineer found nothing wrong but said it works best on fan. He did replace spring hinges on the door so it snaps shut.
- Clock posted off to be repaired.
- New shop notice board put up, only one key at present will need another one. Still need to put in the new Bantham, Buckland & Thurlestone sign.
- 3 fence posts have been done.
- Marcus has left and Welcome Home Cleaners have taken over cleaning, which is costing more but everywhere is being thoroughly cleaned. Chris has advertised for a new cleaner and has received one response so far. Lisa is currently taking home tea towels to wash.
- Together with Mike Bone have been looking at replacement CCTV cameras that cost around the £2000 mark, Chris has applied for funding but will not know until the middle of January, can he be given the go ahead to proceed. Committee agreed with the proviso that notices are put up advising people they are in operation.
- Brambles haven't been removed yet. Neill asked if it would be possible to move the sign from the back of the car park up to the entrance of the car park.

AOB

- **Booking Secretary** – Pat has half a promise from someone in the village and we also have the new contact number for the lady who used to live in the village but has moved to West Charlton but is willing to take on the role, which can be done from home. **(Diane)**,
- **Seat Cushions** – Lisa hasn't had a chance to get these yet but is confident will be able to obtain some at a very reasonable price, which the Bridge Club is willing to contribute towards, Lisa will get back to Neill on this. Bridge Club would still like to persuade the committee to buy new chairs. **(Lisa)**
- Dates for 2017- list of dates produced for next years meetings, there was only one which was a problem, alternative will be found **(Neill & Alison)**

- **Car Park** – Two separate problems with cars without permits parking at the hall during events. One parent from the school was blocked in and interrupted the W.I. meeting. Perhaps a polite note could be sent to the new head.
- **National Trust** members are complaining about coming to the hall because of the narrow lanes, so may move their meetings to Kingsbridge.
- Neill noticed the noticeboard in the covered entrance has out of date notices and the sign for the Defibrillator is faded so gives the impression there is one at the Hall.
- **Karen Livett** – Karen is on committee as the representative for Keep Fit but as this is stopping she would like to stand down, but is still be willing to help out. She has found her time interesting but feels it is the right time to go. Neill thanked her for all her work and the committee wish her well.

Date of next meeting – 9 January 2016 in Yeo Room at 4.30pm

The meeting closed 6.00pm

Signed.....
Chairman

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