

MINUTES OF THE PARISH HALL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 26th APRIL AT 4.30 P.M. IN THE YEO ROOM

2010

Present: C White (Chairman), JBarton, J Beven, P Crawford, D Houghton, J Le Grice, K Livett, P Macdonald, R Parkin, P Stanley (Treasurer), L White

1. Apologies: Shirley Barnes

2. Minutes

The minutes of 8th March, 2010 were signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 (11.1) Pat Macdonald asked that the buckled table should not be thrown out but put at the back where it would only be used when necessary.
- 3.2 (6.2) The school has booked the Hall for 1 hour on Mondays and 1 hour on Fridays, which are not always used. There has been no conflict with any other booking, but the Bookings Secretary reserves the right to ask the school to forgo a session if necessary.
- 3.3 (7.2) All work on the heating has now been completed, other than putting in the knob to control the speed of the fan. A new gadget which monitors the temperature of air sucked out of the hall is in the box in the Yeo Room. Heating is being set by the Caretaker for half an hour before booked sessions, which can then be topped up by the dial in the foyer. Jeanne mentioned that there is still one spot of cool air coming down from the ceiling. The adjustment of the vent may be out of position and this could be investigated.
- 3.4 (7.7) We will not put up a "Blue Badge Only" sign in the disabled bay as it would need to be monitored and mis-use happens very rarely.
- 3.5 (7.5) A porch on the Fire Door entrance to prevent rain coming in when the doors are open was not considered to be necessary. We are still waiting for the rails outside the fire doors.

4. Treasurer's Report

- 4.1 For the 1st Quarter of 2010 the income has been up and the expenses down, resulting in a greater surplus than was budgeted. In event costs, Widecombe Wag was paid £150, the talk by Peter Fuchs made a surplus of £354, after the Treasurer had given Peter £275 for his Foundation.

The next Quarter will make considerably less surplus as £3,000 has to be paid to the heating engineer, £500 will be paid to test all appliances, and decorating, which will be done very soon, will have to be paid for.

- 4.2 Martin Beck has still not paid the school bill. He is sent an invoice every month but only pays every quarter. Whilst we do not wish to harm the children, we need to have some sanctions to prevent the aggravation and embarrassment that he causes June, the Assistant Treasurer. Patrick will write to him initially,

followed by a letter from the Chairman to the Chairman of School Governors if the situation is not resolved.

Action: PS

- 4.3 Pat Macdonald has received her usual donation for the Hall of £100 p.a. from Mrs. Atkins. She will write and thank her.

Action: PM

5. Maintenance Committee Report

- 5.1 The work on the heating has nearly been completed.
- 5.2 The hall floor is looking very good after its oiling. The Maintenance team were thanked for their hard work. It was decided to leave a first sanding for a while as there should be only three sandings in the life of the floor.
- 5.3 We are waiting for the decorator to start, as many of the walls are now in urgent need of painting. Internal walls will be done, but the kitchen does not need attention.
- 5.4 There is a new sign "Hall Users Parking Only" and a new disclaimer notice for the car park.
- 5.5 If the school do not need the use of the hall when their building is finished and they take their PE equipment with them, there will be no need for an extension to the store room. The floor mats, benches and stools belong to the Hall. As the mats are used by the Keep Fit group, the benches and stools can be given on permanent loan to the school. Peter Hurrell has raised the matter with Jack Rhymes.
- 5.6 The store room needs to be cleared of unwanted items, particularly coat hangers, as the Bowls group cannot access their equipment easily. To be done as part of the next kitchen duty.

6. Events

6.1 1st May, Concert for Megan

Many tickets have been sold already, thanks to Ron Parkin getting Lincoln Shaw of the Kingsbridge Gazette to do a front page interview with the Kenny family. Pat Macdonald and Karen will do teas, coffees, etc. for donations. Setting-up will be in the morning by Ron, with Graham Palmer, Brian Munn, Mike Stickland and John Lavelle to be asked to help with the stage. The singers will not need amplification and the lights should be in the right orientation.

6.2 19th June, Concert by Tim Abel and Hugh Wiggin, one of this country's finest saxophonists.

A mixture of music, with popular jazz included. Publicity will be in the next edition of Village Voice and in Windeatts window from 26th May. A notice will be placed on the village green. Ron will circulate musical e-mail. A Special Events Licence will be applied for.

Action: JLG & RP

- 6.3 27th July, Boules and BBQ
- 6.4 21st August, Cream Tea, No. 1 The Old Rectory, with access to the Gardens
- 6.5 16th October, Kingsmen and Panache
- 6.6 20th November, Tim Kliphuis Concert

7. PlanetAid

Chris has been approached by PlanetAid for permission to have a large box installed in the car park for the collection of unwanted clothing. We are prepared to give it a trial, provided that there is no overspill with excess bags left when the box is full. There will be notices about the box in the Shop and in Village Voice.

8. Any Other Business

- 8.1 Chris said that POTS had been prevailed upon to take charge of the "Best Kept Village" project. Kit Marshall will send details. The criteria will include a good community spirit within a thriving village that is kept clean and tidy. Pat had already sent the adjudicators a complete list of village and Hall activities. Everyone is happy with the use of the telegraph pole as a notice board. We should make sure that out-of-date posters are removed. David suggested we should try to have a visit and an assessment from a representative from a previously successful village.
- 8.2 Patrick mentioned that we still have no representative from the school on the Committee. Chris will have a word with Jack Rhymes.
Action: CW
- 8.3 Lisa said that the stones in the car park need raking.
- 8.4 June mentioned that the bushes in front of the notice board need trimming as it is difficult to open with them there. She is also going to have a meeting with Chris, Patrick and David Martin to make auditing the accounts simpler.
- 8.5 Pat Crawford asked for the Bowls equipment to be made more accessible.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 5.35 p.m.

Signed: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Date: *7/8/2010*

The next meeting will be on Monday 7th June at 4.30 p.m. in the Yeo Room