

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH HALL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 9th MARCH 2009 AT 4.30 P.M. IN THE YEO ROOM**

Present: Ron Parkin (Chairman), Chris White (Deputy Chairman), Patrick Stanley (Treasurer), S Barnes (Secretary), J Beven (Assistant Treasurer), D Houghton (Hall Development), J Barton, M Cater, P Crawford, P Hurrell, J Le Grice, K Livett, P Macdonald, L White.

1. **Apologies.** There were none.

2. **Minutes.** The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. **Matters.** Ron spoke with Neil Irwin, Chairman of S.Hams National Trust, hoping to persuade him to hold some of their meetings at Thurlestone Parish Hall but to no avail. Mr. Irwin thought members would not be happy to change from their venue at West Alvington Village Hall.

The date for The Maestro Duo in Concert has subsequently been changed from 14th to 28th March.

4. **Treasurer's Report.** Patrick Stanley reported that the last year had been good. There is a surplus of £7,500, and current assets are £53,800. He has transferred £6,000 into the Current Savings Account which will help to boost the interest a little bit. After checking the accounts David Martin had several queries regarding fixed assets and property value. June had a meeting with David where she explained the format of the accounts.

Patrick will not be at the AGM but he has simplified the accounts which will be available for the local population to see. Hiring charges for the hall amounted to £9,500 and the maintenance expenses were £6,500. In terms of income we are £1,600 above our budget, which includes the £1,000 legacy. Our expenditure is £1,500 below budget.

Lisa asked whether we have to report back to DEFRA regarding the management of the Hall. David Houghton said nothing had been asked for since the hall was finished.

Patrick thanked June and Judith for their help throughout the year.

5. AGM

5.1 **Format.** Copies of last year's minutes will be available for the public together with the Treasurer's Report. June and John Beven will produce posters advertising the AGM to encourage local people to attend.

5.2 **Sub Committee to approve accounts.** A Trustees sub-committee was set up comprising Ron, Chris, June and David, to look through the accounts prior to the AGM.

5.3 **Officers for 2009-10.** Ron will step down as Chairman. Chris will be proposed as the new Chairman. All other officers present agreed to stand again. Representatives of regular hall users are appointed by their organisations.

David Houghton said that following Ron's handover of his role as Chairman there would be a small gathering to thank him for his excellent work since he took over the office in 2005.

6. **Maintenance Committee Report.** Peter Hurrell reported that the chippings in the car park need tidying up on a regular basis. Lights will be put up on top of the posts when the fence and posts have been more firmly secured. The padlock has been removed from the oil tank. If oil was stolen and siphoned off this would be preferable to the tank being punctured by thieves.

A second coat of paint has been applied on the lower section of the walls in the main hall and a first coat in the Yeo Room. Andrew Hurrell is looking into fitting a kitchen spray tap to rinse debris from plates before putting them in the dishwasher. Chris reported that the dishwasher has been taken away by MKN to the factory at their expense to find out what is wrong. He is hoping for a satisfactory outcome. David has arranged for someone to come and look at the floor this week regarding painting the lines. The floor will also be oiled now that the walls have been painted.

7. Events.

7.1 **Review of January & February.** The Barn Dance was the only fund raising event. This had been in danger of cancellation because not many tickets had been sold; however the band offered to play at a reduced price and in the event forty-three people attended and a profit of £110 was made. Everyone enjoyed the occasion.

7.2 Future Events. **The Maestro Duo in Concert** with Tim Abel and Matthew Glossop will be on Saturday 28th March at 7.30 p.m. Tickets at £8 each will include coffee and cakes in the interval. A programme and posters have been produced.

Photographic Exhibition on 11th, 12th & 13th April. Entrance fee will be £1. There will be a raffle and refreshments for which a rota of helpers will be needed.

Mike Sparrow and Keith Millman had met with Ron and Chris at the hall to decide how to display their photographs. The stage will be erected on Friday 10th April and the exhibition will be open on Saturday afternoon, all day on Sunday and Monday morning. Posters advertising this event will be displayed after the concert on 28th March. It is hoped that visitors to the area will be attracted to the exhibition.

Plans for a **Folk Evening** have been shelved.

Lisa has been unable to make contact with the **Widecombe Wag** but she will continue her efforts to get in touch with him.

Villages in Action. Chris is hoping to receive the 2010 "menu" of events organised by Villages in Action. This year's programme has some interesting events which would be worth considering if they appear in next year's "menu".

Cream Tea and Roses at Diana Parker-Swift's garden on Sunday 21st June. There will be a plant stall as well as the cream tea.

Barbecue and Boules will be on Tuesday 28th July. David and Kit Marshall will organise the barbecue.

Autumn Fair will be on Saturday 26th September.

Last Night of the Proms will be in September but no date has yet been identified.

Tim Kliphuis Swing Fiddle Trio has been booked to give a concert on 14th November celebrating Stephane Grapelli's music. Their fee is £500, therefore tickets will be about £10. Ron has kindly offered to accommodate the group for a night (or two).

Other bookings have been made by The South Hams Society when Adam Hart-Davis will be speaking at the hall on 21st March, and by Aune Valley Conservation Society for a meeting on 21st April.

8. Any Other Business. Chris said that at the School Quiz evening the wine was sold for £10 a bottle and this helped to swell their profits. He thought that for some of our fund raising events we should consider doing something similar instead of asking people to bring their own drinks. It would be cost effective even after paying £21 for the alcohol licence.

Chris would arrange to have the portable electrical appliances tested during the school holiday period.

Pat Crawford requested help for changing the bowls mats around so that they get equal wear. The mats at the bottom should be moved to the top. Ron will help on Thursday 12th March.

Judith complimented June on the notices in Windeatts which have prompted some enquiries. She also requested that a front door key be given to Tom Trender so that he can check oil etc. This was agreed and Judith will purchase another key. Judith had been informed that Mrs. Eaton has left all the lights on after the ballet classes and has taken a half hour interval between lessons so that mothers have time to pick up their children from other schools outside the area. During this time she has occupied the Yeo Room. It was proposed that the minimum hiring period be revised to one whole hour.

Lisa pointed out that the Outside lights are not always on when needed. Ray will be made aware of this.

Karen reported that the Keep Fit Class would welcome some new members as their numbers are very low and they are only just able to cover the cost of the hire charge.

June has made numerous attempts to recover a bad debt from a lady. All necessary procedures have been followed but there has been no response from this person. Patrick has now written off the debt in the accounts. Deposits are now received from new unknown hirers.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.55 p.m.

Signed: 

Date: 27/4/09