

**Minutes Of The Great Easton Village Hall Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 10:30 am**

**Present**

Tim Smith  
Alice Murdock  
Sally Armstrong  
Vikki Halliday  
Louisa Feltham  
Margaret Stamp  
Lorna Bryant

**Apologies**

Kay Mitchell

The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed

**Matters Arising**

Tim has purchased a stick-on sign for the glass above the front door.

Plumber Simon Gladstone has checked the hot water and confirmed that the highest temperature is controlled by safety regulations and therefore OK.

Fire Risk Assessment to be carried forward **Action TS**

Two black chairs surplus to needs not yet sold (£20 each). Committee to ask around and then maybe sell via Next Door Neighbour website or Jumble Sale.

Louisa once again expressed concern about the safety of GELT property in the run-up to a performance. It was reiterated that we could only request that other hall users did not use the stage at any particular time but it was ultimately GELT's responsibility to secure their own property. To be reviewed nearer the time of any performance.

Sing-a-long Grease was held on Friday March 5th. Better attendance than The Sound of Music and raised £212.

Jumble Sale to be held on Sat 23rd September,  
Parish Magazine advertising **Action AM** posters **Action SA**

Quiz and Chips date reviewed - will now try for 17th or 24th Feb 2018 **Action AM**

The floor has been successfully refurbished by Floor Fixers - it is now significantly lighter in colour and is maintained with a special mop and fluid. Hall users have expressed their approval especially Cath Lupton's Line Dancing Group who generously donated £100 towards the work.

Louisa has been seeking quotes for new stage curtains and wing drapes possibly to be funded by Opera Minima donation should this be acceptable to Gill Christie **Action TS**

## **Finance**

The Treasurer reported a healthy bank balance of around £11,000.

It was reported that a recent Wedding party had left the Hall in a dreadful state which had required many hours of cleaning to put right. Following a spate of emails, the hirers agreed to pay an extra £200 in addition to forfeiting their damage deposit. In the light of this experience, it was agreed to raise the damage deposit to £150 per day or part day for any large events.

## **106 Monies**

We have been awarded £3,677.57 in respect of the Broadgate Development and HDC have invited us to apply for this. However the regulations regarding 106 monies have recently been revised by HDC and can no longer be used to fund “moveable items” e.g. chairs. As it is rather unclear what the money can actually be spent on, Tim is hoping to gain further clarity from the Harborough District Council Parish Liaison Officer, Nada Hankin, on her return from annual leave, after which a new Hall “wishlist” can be drawn up **Action TS**

## **Chairs**

As the response for the new plastic chairs was broadly unenthusiastic, the Committee have agreed that the upholstered chair with chrome legs from Alpha Furnishings was the best choice - along with several stacking dollies. There is the potential for purchasing the chairs from the current funds but it was agreed to wait for the 106 information before finally committing ourselves. Local churches and Rectory Farm have expressed interest in using some of the old chairs when we finally replace them.

## **Boundary Wall**

Nearby residents have reported seeing children climbing on the old wall between the hall garden and the Brook Lane Paddock. In order to preserve the wall and also in the interests of Health and Safety, it was felt that this needed to be discouraged either by signage, which is unlikely to be obeyed, or by trellising and planting along its length. Alice agreed to explore the costings and aesthetics of this. **Action AM**

## **Any Other Business**

Via email, Kay raised the issue of big event parking near the Hall as the WI is hosting a Big Joules Sale in October. Whilst acknowledging that at times the road was packed with cars, local residents had not, to date, made any complaints. Following discussion, it was felt that this was an issue for event organisers rather than the Committee and that they should talk to local land owners regarding possible extra parking space.

Later this year, a meeting is to be held to discuss the potential for establishing an Archive Room to house all the historical documents currently held in private homes around the village. This could entail an extension to the Village Hall and so any refurbishment planning in the near future should bear this in mind. We will await further clarity as the idea progresses.

The ROSPA inspection has been carried out on the swings and we should receive a copy soon. It was agreed that should new swings be recommended then wider seats would be a good idea.  
**Action AM**

## **Dates of next meetings:**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**The meeting closed at 12.05pm**