

Minutes Of Great Easton Village Hall Committee Meeting
Wednesday 11th October 2017 at 10:30am

Present

Margaret Stamp
Tim Smith (Chair)
Alice Murdock
Sally Armstrong
Kay Mitchell (Minutes)

Apologies

Lorna Bryant
Louisa Feltham

Meeting started at 10.32

1 Welcome

Welcome from Chair and apologies received

2 Minutes of Last Meeting

Read and agreed

3 Matters Arising

Fire certificate - action still outstanding C/f ACTION TS

Fund Raising. Quiz and Chips confirmed - Saturday 24th February
Advert for Parish Mag - ACTION AM

Boundary Wall - Alice has researched options for fencing that could go in front of the boundary wall. Chestnut post-and-wire fencing identified. This will act as a deterrent to prevent children climbing on and over the wall; it may also prevent further erosion to the paddock-side of the wall.

Swing seats - wooden seats are beginning to rot. ROSPA are aware and defined this as medium risk at the moment. Will need monitoring.

106 monies - Tim has had a discussion with MHDC who explained restrictions on how the money can be spent.

The Committee considered whether this could go towards the planned Archive. The PC are still awaiting direction from Nick Hill, Chair of History Society. C/f

4 Finance

No report available

Tim advised that a Grant has been secured from a local charity towards the new chairs

£500 donation received from Opera Minima for improvements to the Stage

5 Chairs

Quote received from ACE Furniture (Corby) for 100 chairs of the design finally agreed upon. This will be around £6,000 - includes five Dollies for storage/transporting and chairs will be Scotch guarded. To re-cover the chairs in the future would cost around £30 per chair at current prices.

Larger swatches of short listed fabrics were shared and discussed - Tokara YS136 was decided upon (a red wine colour).

Purchase does not include linking strips. Committee decided these were not necessary for general Hall use. H&S Advisor confirmed this. For larger audiences, i.e. GELT, they may have to source cable ties if required.

Old chairs. Tim will formally contact those who have expressed an interest

ACTION TS

In future the Hall will be charging for chair hire - T&Cs required. **ACTION TS**

6 Stage

Louisa has shared with Tim some ideas she has about improving the stage. Tim has received quotes via Louisa for a set of flats and new curtains.

The Committee discussed updating the stage area by taking down the canvas and black curtains at the rear of the stage and making the area more neutral. The area would then be painted in a dark colour and the front top of the stage would also be boxed in. Tim has had a rough pricing for various stage works that will be approximately £3,000.

The Committee felt that any stage improvements should benefit all Hall users.

Any scenery or flats would need to be funded by GELT as they would be primary users.

At a later stage there may be an opportunity to change the lighting and improve front of stage use for all Hall users

Changes will not be in place by the Panto at the beginning of December.

7 Christmas Tree Festival (Kay)

Margaret explained the concept of the Christmas Tree Festival, which will take place on 9th/10th December. Groups will be asked to put a tree in the Church for visitors to see. WI will provide refreshments.

Advent windows will also be taking place this year. Notice will be in the Village Store.

ACTION TS - let Kay have contacts

ACTION COMMITTEE - whether to enter a tree into the Church Festival

8 Fund Raising up-date

Jumble Sale raised £367

Advertising for future events - will consider a leaflet drop around the village.

Quiz and Chips organised for 24th February 2018. Mark is charging £620 for the Fish and Chips. Alice and Andy will provide the quiz.

Committee will re-visit Sing Along Film Night for the new year. Possibly Mamma Mia or Sunshine on Leith

Collection Boxes have been emptied. (Hall box collected £5.40 and the Shop box delivered £37.50)

8 AOB

100 Club - due this weekend (14/10)

Christmas Decorations - need reviewing for this year.

ACTION AM/KM/SA meeting 19/10/17 10.30 at VH

Youth Club have reported to Tim numbers in attendance - around 20-30 each week. Table Tennis Table needs some repairs. **ACTION TS**

Utility Bills - need to review our providers by the end of January. The broker we use will research the best deals however the Committee has been asked to consider the length of contract. The cost for four years is a marginal increase, although this ties the Hall into a longer contract and prices may rise and fall. Committee agreed changing to a four-year contract.

Sally reported the men's toilet door is sticking and mice may be present in the Hall; humane traps set

Alice - need to replace tablecloths. **ACTION TS**

Garden - need some men to do some of the heavy work. Alice to organise

Meeting ended at 12.33 pm

Date of next meetings:

Wednesday 22nd November 2017

Wednesday 24th January 2018