

Minutes Of The Village Hall Committee Meeting 22nd November 2017 at 10:35am

Present

Tim Smith (Chair)
Alice Murdock (Vice-Chair)
Vicki Halliday (Treasurer)
Margaret Stamp
Louisa Feltham
Sally Armstrong
Kay Mitchell (Minutes)

Apologies

Lorna Bryant

1 Welcome

Welcome and apologies acknowledged - Chair

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of Previous Meeting held 11 October 2017 read and agreed

3 Matters Arising

Fire Certificate - **Action outstanding: TS C/f**

Louisa corrected the previous minutes (Item 6). The quote refers to side tabs not flats

Regarding planned improvements to the Stage, Louisa recommended that professional advice should be taken before any action considered

Agreed All

Louisa asked why the chair-links were not purchased, as these are a safety measure required for large audiences. The Committee has been advised the links are not essential and as the Village Hall rarely hosts large audience events, it would be the Hall users responsibility to source the links. GELT can therefore make contact with the Supplier to buy the links, or alternatively use cable ties.

Christmas Tree Festival - VHC decided not to enter a tree

Table Tennis Table - Alice has repaired this

Tablecloths - new tablecloths required - c/f

Gardening - c/f

4 Finance

Current total £10,057

Committee discussed possible options for the next improvement project.

C/f to next meeting.

Discussion regarding Hall bookings and the impact on income, as some of our longstanding groups are folding (Gardening and Whist)

The Archive Room is still under discussion - Alice provided a brief update from the Parish Council (PC). Further discussions underway between History Society and the PC.

Vikki recommended the Hall should get the accounts reviewed professionally before the next AGM. Committee Agreed. **Vikki to approach Mark Haynes.**

5 Fund Raising

Quiz and Chips 24th February 2018

Movie Night to be organised later in the Spring

6. Panto

GELT would like to set up on Friday 1st December in preparation for their first performance. This was agreed.

GELT also need the Parish Office - it was suggested Louisa speak to Julia Unna to see when the room will be available

There are four suitcases of costumes in the store that need sorting out and discarding or saving - this would allow more space for other groups.

Louisa to go through these after the Panto

GELT requested to borrow the stair rails for their Panto performance in Corby - this was agreed however any damage would need to be repaired at GELT's cost

Louisa has acquired some black side tabs and would like to attach these to the stage roof. It was felt this shouldn't be a problem providing no damage is caused. Any damage, GELT to put this right.

Louisa asked for the plastic chairs to be taken off the stage and left off the stage until the new chairs are delivered. These are causing difficulties at rehearsals as the stage has to be cleared each time. Leaving the chairs in the main Hall may be problematic for other groups, however Johnsons are going to collect the plastic chairs early, which may resolve the issue.

Stage update

Louisa requested further discussion about the stage area. C/f

7 Christmas Decorations

There is lots of activity and crafting in progress.

Deadline - 5th December 2.30pm to dress the Hall

TS will purchase the LED lights

TS to copy wording for the Charity Basket

Josh is installing a plug near the kitchen hatch, which will help with the lights

8 AOB

Garden Society are folding

Christmas Thank You - 16th December 2018 4pm - 6pm

Committee Members to provide food

Those confirmed:

Ena

Judith

Flick and Eric

David Gibley

Ruth Cross

Youth Club

Veronica - Good Companions

Sue Smith - Garden Society

Lucy Walsh - Parish Council

Apologies from:

Julia Unna - Church

Di and Mark - Shop

Cath Lupton

Mel Gould

Lisa

Chairs - delivery likely to be next week

Johnsons are collecting the plastic chairs beforehand

Margaret reported the Village Calendar in printing

Sally - requested some steps for the kitchen, for those who find it difficult to reach the top cupboards.

Agreed - Sally has sourced a pair for £30

Sally suggested making the Dyson Hoover available to Hall users so people use it, as Henry is now defunct. **Agreed.**

Sally reported that Youth Club need reminding to clean up after their session

Sally informed the meeting that the PTA event left a lot of rubbish behind. Need reminding to leave the Hall clean and tidy.

Tim asked Sally to take photos of any damage or neglect as this provides evidence

Meeting closed at 11.45

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 24th January 2018 10.30am