

MINUTES from VH Committee Meeting held 24/07/19 at the Village Hall

1. Present:

Tim Smith (Chair)
Sally Armstrong
Margaret Stamp
Alice Murdock
Louisa Feltham
Kay Michell (Minutes)

Apologies:

Lorna Bryant
Vicki Halliday

Meeting started 10.39

Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed

2. Matters Arising

Sound System - Terry is still trying to sort out the lighting system, which blew out during a recent performance due to on-going problems with voltage. Tim to continue to meet/liaise with Terry **Action TS c/f**

Step strip near the bar area has been installed

Cooker - **Action: Alice to prepare a sign with instructions on how to get the cooker clock/cooker working.**

Ladies Toilets- Discussion regarding the structure/layout of new toilets. Plan is to amalgamate the current men's and women's toilets into three unisex units that contain wash basin/dryer and toilet.

c/f refurb to next meeting

Action: Contact Paul Taylor MPT for another quote

Fridge freezer

It was agreed to keep the wine fridge behind the bar and Alice suggested buying separate appliances - a small fridge and a separate freezer to use for ice/ice-creams as it might reduce power use.

Discussion concluded that for simplicity and ease of use, a one unit fridge freezer is best option.

Action: Alice to research suppliers (be helpful if it was in place before next GELT production on 27th September)

3. Finance

Our budget is currently healthy £8272.00 and with the addition of the Summer Bonanza funds this could bring us nearer to £9000

Aligning budget with PC c/f

Fund Raising

Table Top Sale scheduled for 14th September 10-12. Selling tables for £10.

Need to raise publicity

Agreed we will have a VH table. There are 14 large tables and entry will be £1+refreshments

Action: Sally to do a poster and be point-of-contact

Advertise in Neighbourhood Network/Shop etc

Quiz Night 5th October

Options for food considered. Catering - suggested Mark and Diane at the shop or Elaine/Elizabeth Hankey be approached

Action: Alice to get a quote

Friday 22nd November - Talk on the Conquest of Everest - bar and nibbles (Julian)

Tea and Coffee on Remembrance Sunday 10th November (free)

4.Stage Refurb

We are continuing with the plan to remove the sailcloth back-drop and start on the refurbishment at the back of the stage

Action: Alice to get a quote from Paul Taylor MPT

5. Crockery

Margaret reported that Roger Bowder is involved with a charity that might fund some new crockery for the VH

Our current crockery has become very 'mix-and-match'

Roger needs a quote by 13th September

We will need 100 cups, saucers, side plates and dinner plates, possibly bowls

Action: Kay to check prices at Ikea

Margaret, Sally, Alice and Kay to research catering suppliers

6. New Years Eve

Discussion in relation to previous request for NYE hire by a Corby resident earlier this year - the decision was postponed

Residents of Stokes Rise have requested to hire the VH for a NYE party
Committee agreed this request.

Action:

Tim will insist time is booked for the following day to clear up. He will also advise them a £150 damage deposit for both days

Tim to remind the hirer of time constraints given proximity to residents.

Sally will produce a "Helpful Checklist" that sets out what is expected when leaving the Hall after hire e.g. floor swept and mopped, bins emptied etc

7. AOB

Alice - Bonanza Feedback: People positive about the event - much praise. Committee also pleased.

Raised £1600-the proposal is to divide profits between the church and the village hall.

The Treasure Hunt Map is to be adapted and reproduced on a printed tea towel to be sold at the shop

VH also inherited a lot of tea/coffee

Bonanza Committee keen to do another event next year

Store Cupboard Clear out Tuesday 13th August 2pm - Alice/Sally/Kay. Louisa asked to review GELT items.

Kay - Signage - village events need to have better, clearer signage. Option that the VH could fund, make and hire out signs

Action c/f to next meeting

Kay - Charges for painting scenery.

Phil Long from Art Group enquired about hire charges for painting the scenery for forthcoming GELT productions. He estimates this may exceed 20 hours-previously these have not been reserved in the diary and he's fitted around bookings

Louisa indicated GELT would be unable to fund this - not been charged in the past.

Action: c/f until after stage refurbishment

Louisa - GELT staging. This has been used without GELT's knowledge and hasn't been re-stacked correctly or covered properly, exposing the stage blocks to the elements.

Tim advised they were used for a recent concert.

Action Tim: VH users to be advised that if they require the blocks they need to ask/inform GELT and ensure they are restacked and covered correctly.

Meeting closed 12.15 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 25th September 10.30 am