

**Minutes from the Village Hall Committee Meeting  
Held Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 10:30am at the Village Hall**

**Present**

Tim Smith (Chair)  
Alice Murdock  
Lorna Bryant  
Margaret Stamp  
Louisa Feltham

**Apologies**

Kay Mitchell  
Vikki Halliday  
Sally Armstrong

Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed

**Matters Arising**

Tim reported that we are still waiting for Terry to repair the faulty light desk. In the meantime, he has lent us a substitute.

**Action: TS to chase  
c/f to next meeting**

As stage work is nearing completion, we are will soon be in a position to begin consideration of toilet refurbishment

**c/f to next meeting**

Freezer has been collected by Council

Materials have been sourced for the making of nine roadside advertising signs so work will begin soon

**c/f to next meeting**

With regard to replacing the A frames, Louisa suggested a double sided Pavement Display Board with a heavy sand/water filled base. This could be permanently sited underneath the wooden noticeboard outside the Village Shop thereby negating the need for Mark and Diane to have to carry a frame in and out every day.

**Action: AM to discuss positioning with Parish Council and the Howsons.**

No further information regarding the 2020 VE celebrations.

**Finance/Fund Raising**

Current £8,026.09

Above amount does not include recent fundraising amounts.

Quiz and Chilli on 5th Nov raised £593.50. This evening followed the usual format but with the food being supplied and cooked by Mark and Diane - Chilli, baked potato, grated cheese, salad leaves and sour cream. The bar was also supplied by M & D though manned by Committee Members.

Julian Evans, local Adventurer and Fund Raiser gave a talk on his recent climb up Everest. Held on 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov, this event raised £414.50. We are very grateful to Julian for giving of his time and once again the bar was supplied by Mark & Diane.

Note: this is a busy time of year, with a lot going on - if further talks are to be held, an earlier month would be better.

The 100 Club membership is now complete for the year Oct 2019 to Oct 2020. This year there were several new members due to bereavement and people moving away.

### **Stage Refurb Update**

MPT Building Services have completed their part in the refurbishment of the stage - the boarding of the back wall and front stage beam to the cost of £1,396.92. We are grateful to MPT for being willing to work around the hall calendar so no classes had to be cancelled. The back wall and stage sides are still to be painted.

**Action: AM to follow up offer to paint from Phil Long**

### **Crockery Update**

The Hall now has a complete set of white crockery - 100 pieces each of cup, saucer, dinner plate, side plate and bowls purchased from Wilcos. The Maud Elkington Trust have very kindly agreed to award a grant of £500 to cover the cost of these and the cheque is on its way. The old crockery still remains in the kitchen, with people taking various bits in return for a donation to Hall funds.

**Action: Contact Medbourne Church Hall to see if they require any Berylware (MS?) Other Crockery to be donated to charity**

### **Parish Office**

No further information on the future use of the Parish Office - the Church continue to pay the rental cost.

### **Christmas Decorations**

As there is no Christmas Coffee Morning this year, it was decided to put up fewer decorations - just a tree, the window hearts and some stars, but also wrap the beams in white fairy lights. If successful, the lights may be left up permanently.

### **AOB**

It seems that the stage door to the Parish Office has been forced as the new bolt is bent.

**Action: AM to replace/reinforce bolt**

Kitchen corner tap still needs fixing

**Action: TS**

Five of the new red gingham tablecloths have been missing for some time now

**Action: Committee members to ask around AM to put plea on Next Door**

Following the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial, the coffee and biscuit invitation was extremely well received. About 40 adults and 21 children came back to the hall and were most appreciative. It was agreed to continue with this event both, after the service on the nearest Sunday (alternated with Medbourne Church) and the War Memorial service on Nov 11<sup>th</sup>. Thanks were expressed to Margaret for the supply of biscuits.

A request has been received from a childminder wanting to book the Hall from 3-6pm every weekday. Committee agreed that this was not possible due to existing longstanding classes. It was also felt that, despite being a good source of income, this could cause difficulties with future bookings and plans.

Alice suggested that Short Mat Bowls might be a good social activity as we currently have enough funds to buy a kit. This was enthusiastically received by the Committee.

**Action: AM to further investigate cost and interest**

**Meeting ended at 12:10pm**