

HUSTHWAITE VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON 11.08.14 AT 7 pm

- Present: Will Mowatt, Stephen Barker, Philip Hewitson, John Ovenston, Jeremy Walker, Carol Fenwick, Malcolm French, Sheila Mowatt.
- Apologies: Gila Robinson, Zoe Lodge, Debbie Lewis Green.

- Previous Minutes:

Minutes were accepted, Proposed by Philip Hewitson
Seconded by Carol Fenwick

- Matters Arising:
 - Open space around the Hall accepted by the County Council as a candidate for upkeep. This will be discussed at their cabinet meeting on 02.09.14.
 - Gila has assembled a sub committee for forward planning of events.
 - Are we able to negotiate a preferred price with the Advertiser for advertising?
 - Ask Sheila to circulate local press with our monthly calendar.
 - Who are we trying to attract to use and attend events?

- Financial Report:
See Philips circulated report and comments.

- Drovers Road Comments:
A cast of 22 were involved representing all age groups in the village. A total audience of 190 attended the 3 performances. A wide range of sponsors supported the play. A big thank you to all involved in the production.

- Communications:
Sheila is kindly running this issue for the Village Hall.
 - Sheila will update the website and Google diaries with the VH events on a weekly basis. An updated monthly flyer and a monthly events write up for the Newsletter. Any ad hoc items will also be communicated to the village.
 - Sheila will look at ways of promoting the Village Hall and the best ways for circulating the information.
 - Sheila would like comments on the form of the website and possible improvements.

- Snags – John Ovenston
 - External door bolts in green room still need attention.
 - Sticking doors OK, dried out in the summer?
 - Kitchen hatch still needs attention.

- Bowed boarding outside to the side off the entrance.
 - Outside sealant needs attention.
 - Wine coloured chairs require 60 rubber feet – Philip agreed to purchase.
 - Fuel consumption costs. Water use still high but improving. Electricity usage under observation.
 - Shelves fitted in green room.
 - Cupboard still required, Will to arrange.
- Succession Planning:
 - Require a protocol for succession planning, a possible one has been put forward by Sarah Aspinall.
 - Will has stated he would like to step back as Chairman but will still be involved in a number of the societies.
 - Malcolm stated that he is standing down as a Trustee at the AGM.
 - It is difficult to attract new members. What can we do?
 - Discuss at the next meeting.
- Bookings:
 - No new bookings but the Dance Club want to change to Thursdays. Why? A need to speak to the Gardening Society about a compromise.
 - A hirer has asked if they can run a hog roast. A private party therefore their responsibility. Have asked if they can have their own lager? Agreed but VH would run the bar and attract a cost. Will to look at terms of hire.
- Future Events:
 - The Quiz will re start on the 2nd Sunday in September.
 - The Film Club is looking to form a committee and possibly assemble a full years programme.
 - The Village Hall has free BT Sport – can we use this asset?
 - November. A possible murder mystery run by David Pike.
- Official Opening:
 - a first class event. Well organised and appreciated by all. Letters have been sent to those who organised food, flowers and music.
 - Can we get a photo of the Opening for posterity? Philip to chase.
- Council Report:
 - Still looking for a clerk.
 - Mrs McAllister has won her appeal to retain her solar panels.
- AOB:
 - Philip asked if the alarm needs to be switched on for the insurance to be valid. Will to investigate.
 - The inventory in the Bier House requires insurance. Items require sorting – Stephen/Jeremy to clear and repair leak.
 - The Alne hand made brick company wish to enter a competition re their product and want to use the Village Hall as an input. Philip to confirm agreement.

- Jeremy asked for an agreement for him to remove surplus and dated bar stock. The Committee agreed and after carrying out the task, Jeremy will report to the committee.
- Stephen – Percy Moncaster has agreed to buy a clock for the Village Hall, this was accepted. Stephen has also agreed to provide a similar model so that both the Main Hall and Committee Room have clocks.
- Will reported that the Short Mat Bowls Club needs more members. Ways of attracting new members will be looked at.

Next Meeting: 08.09.14

I M French
12.08.14