

Husthwaite Village Hall

Minutes of committee meeting held on Monday 12th May at 7pm

Present; Will Mowatt, John Ovenston, Zoe Lodge, Gila Robinson, Philip Hewitson, Carol Fenwick, Stephen Barker, Jeremy Walker.

Apologies; Malcolm French, Debbie Lewis –Green.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as read and approved by members.

Points raised: WM raised a concern about the procurement of the stage curtains which were discussed by the committee, and everyone was satisfied proper procedure had been followed.

PH Informed the meeting that a response was ongoing re a letter to Native architects.

Matters arising:

CF reported that the Bier house letting had been discussed by the Parish council and figures on the amount the council will charge as rent had not yet been decided upon. CF will keep us informed.

WM said the Cycle rack kindly donated by Barny Smith has been received and will be installed soon.

Three quotes have been received for Blinds for the hall premises. One quote was for approx £20,000.00.

One for £7,772.00,

And the one which has been accepted from The Curtain Room was for £8,194.00. This was deemed to be the best value for money because of the extras which were included in the price. It was interesting to note that the main hall skylight electric blinds will cost £1,800.00 which is inclusive within the quote from the curtain room. We had been led to believe that these blinds would cost in the region of £5,000.00 previously.

Car parking. WM has communicated with a neighbour to the hall about the possibility of the village hall obtaining some land for car parking purposes. At present we cannot expect to advance this subject but the situation may change if a new owner buys the neighbours property and a new approach may be made at a suitable time.

The note lets etc re the painting of the Village Green and Church need to be put out at functions for members of the public to purchase.

WM is going to check with MF when he will be able to send out a folder of trustee notes to the committee???

Financial report: PH presented the accounts. (See Attached) It was satisfying to note that we are £521 better of than the predicted budget for the year so far. Cash flow is good. A fault with the water harvesting plant. JO is monitoring the situation and is pressing for the underground tank to be cleaned out. Other plumbing concerns were also mentioned which are being diplomatically dealt with by JO.

Again it was stressed that we should promote the use of sites like AMAZON when online purchases are made by the public which can then benefit the village hall funds.

Snag list; JO said he was monitoring the electric meter and A S heat pump bill has come down since January. JO explained the workings of the system.

The manhole cover over the underground tank is cracked and a solution to replace it with one that will withstand the weight of a vehicle is ongoing. The wrong type was clearly specified originally. JW said he will provide a cone to cover the manhole until it is corrected.

ZL will be able to control hirers access to other rooms at time of hiring.

CF agreed to open up and lock up and show the election staff any necessary requirements on the European election day Thursday May 22nd.

ZL read out a list of bookings for the village hall which is being used more than ever.

WM suggested someone should write an article the newsletter promoting the ballroom dancing.

Policy issues were raised i.e. tidying up of hall after events. The principle is to leave the building as it was found. ZL also pointed out that clashes of events have occurred. The Bowlers are to be asked if they can move timings on three practice nights to 8pm because of a clash with rehearsals for the play Drivers Road. Also an accommodation was agreed so on one night when a World Cup match slightly overruns with a rehearsal, it was agreed pre match festivities would take place in the committee room and move into the hall slightly before 8pm when the rehearsal ends in time for the match.

ZL asked for a delegation of certain tasks on the bookings front where computer work is required. PH and WM will look at this.

WM went through coming events for the village hall.

A separate meeting has been put in on Thursday 22nd May at 7.30 in the main hall to discuss the Opening Ceremony which is likely to take place on SAT 28th June 2014. CF confirmed John Williamson CBE has agreed to declare the new hall open.

A proposed Youth Club will be set up if possible and meetings have been arranged and taken place to enable this to happen. SB agreed to keep the committee updated on this matter.

Sarah Aspinal emailed members the latest Event monitoring report which will be forwarded to the Big Lottery. (See Attached)

The date of the next committee meeting will take place on MON 9th June at 7pm in the village hall.

SB