

MEDBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

**Minutes of Meeting held at 7.30 p.m.
on Monday 12th September 2011**

Present : Michael Garfield, Susie Garfield, Carolyn Frostwick, Jane Boulter, Nikki Philbin, Ian Clarke, Karl Jenkins, Keith Sandars

Apologies: Tim Smith

1 Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday 25th July 2011

Copies of the Minutes had been previously distributed to all Members, the meeting unanimously passed the Minutes as a true record.

2 Tree Pruning

The Chairman confirmed that two quotes had been received in respect of the necessary tree pruning, one being considerably lower than the other. Karl is to talk to the person who submitted the lower estimate and enquiries are also to be made to see whether he is VAT registered.

3 Matters Arising

- a** Ann Price was under the impression that the Playgroup had not been informed of the new fee structure. Carolyn was to speak to her as this appeared to be a communication problem.
- b** Carolyn confirmed that the Committee had previously been members of the Rural Community Council but that this year's subscription had not been paid, she was to investigate the matter.
- c** Susie confirmed that the Hall needed an Entertainments Licence and that she was dealing with this.
- d** Susie confirmed that the bookings for the Hall were now on the village web site. Keith mentioned that information regarding the floods and railways had now been added to the site.
- e** Karl confirmed that satisfactory discussions had now taken place with the Doctors in respect of the provision of a post box and a telephone line.
- f** A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Women's Institute regarding wheelchair access to the Hall and the parking of cars in front of the field gate. Michael and Susie confirmed that these matters were well in hand and the Secretary was asked to reply to the WI. On the subject of wheelchair access Karl mentioned that he was looking at a possible solution to the entrance gate on to Main Street.

g A quote of £500 had been received to sand and re-varnish the wooden floors and the meeting agreed that this be accepted. Two quotations had been received concerning the provision of cupboards. It was agreed that something more durable was needed and Jane was to speak to the persons concerned.

h Karl was to chase Kettering Roofing over the clearance of the blocked gullies which were causing water problems. Ian was also to chase them with regard for a quote for re-roofing.

i It was agreed that the pictures and boards in the smaller room be taken down.

j Mention was made that the disabled toilet needs re-bolting to the floor and Michael said he would deal with this.

k It was reported that a crack had appeared in the ceiling of the kitchen and that this had been reported to the Insurers

l A discussion took place concerning the recently held Beer Festival, following which the Parish Council had forwarded a letter of complaint from a local resident. It was agreed that a sub-committee of Karl, Carolyn and Susie be formed to draw up our “ground rules” to be passed on to the Nevill Arms to alleviate problems in the future.

m Mention was made that the flag pole was still wobbling and Kevin Thompson was to be asked to look at this matter again. It was reported that the field gate is still hard to operate and Michael said he would look into this matter.

n Karl mentioned that the Key Safe had now been installed.

4 Any Other Business

a Carolyn handed out a copy of the projected Income and Expenditure Account and said that at half way through the current financial year the figures were an improvement on last year.

b It was agreed that the Committee would make a donation to the MEFT to repair the Kissing Gate on to the Sports Field.

c Susie mentioned that the three presents had now been purchased and the meeting agreed the wording to be engraved on them. It was also felt that a present also be given to Celia Pocock and that Garden Gift Vouchers might be appropriate.

d A discussion took place with regard to the celebrations in the village in respect of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee next year, which are being organised by Elaine Hall and Gill Pemberton. The meeting agreed that the Committee would waive any normal fees for the hire of the Hall. The Secretary was also asked to write to Gill and Elaine congratulating

them on their advertisement in the Parish Magazine and also to confirm the waving of the fees. The Secretary was also asked to write to the Parish Council to see whether they felt able to make a donation towards the cost of staging the celebrations.

- e It was confirmed that the Quiz would go ahead on Friday 18th November with a Fish and Chip Supper at £10 per head. Keith would be the quizmaster and various other members would deal with all the other arrangements.

- 5 **Date and Time of Next Meeting**
Monday 31st October at 7.30 p.m.