

MEDBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

Minutes of Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 25th October 2011

Present: Committee - Karl Jenkins (Chairman), Keith Sandars (Secretary), Jane Boulter, Nikki Philbin, Susie Garfield, Michael Garfield
Public - Ann Price, Tom Price, Emma Jones, Mick Cooper, Cathy Moran

Apologies: Carolyn Frostwick, Ian Clarke

1 Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday 12th September 2011

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

2 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

a Two Tree Surgeons had been approached for quotations and both were VAT registered. It was also confirmed that on expert advice the large tree with multiple trunks would have to be removed as it was causing structural damage to the building.

b With regard to the new fee structure Susie was to let the Secretary have details of the local groups concerned, so that a letter could be sent to them. A long discussion then took place with concern being expressed by members of the public with regard to the new fee structure and the way in which had been introduced. The Chairman took on board the comments but mentioned that the fees had not been increased for some time and as costs were rising the Committee had to generate income to ensure that the building was maintained in a reasonable state for future generations in the village, (the fee increases were on the agenda prior to the new Chairman and had been in discussion for some time) Confirmation letters will now be sent out to the various groups confirming the new rate, this has been delayed as confirmation of the relevant group addresses has been slow in coming forward.

c It was confirmed that the necessary fee had been sent with regard to the Membership of the Rural Community Council. Confirmation of the relevant password will be forwarded to Members when received.

d Susie confirmed that an Application had now been made for an Entertainments Licence.

e It was confirmed that the Committee now have a page on the new village web site and that Susie was to receive training in connection with this.

f A post box for the Doctors prescriptions had now been installed, but

that their telephone connection is still awaited.

- g** Karl confirmed that he had drawn up plans for a wheelchair access off Main Street and would now consult with the Church and Parish Council (both as Trustees). Following this a formal Planning Application would be made, the fee payable would be raised from the Treasurer.
- h** Michael confirmed that No Parking signs had now been placed on the field gate.
- I** The fitting of the new cupboards cannot take place until the work on the floors has been completed
- j** The Chairman is still in contact with Kettering Roofing in respect of the major work required to the roof of the building.
- k** The disabled toilet has now been repaired.
- l** An Insurer has visited the premises on the 7th October with regard to the cracks which are appearing and another visit by a second Inspector is due on the 31st October. The first Inspector has indicated the adjacent tree to be the cause of the problem. One quotation for the removal of the tree has been received in the sum of £750.
- m** Gerry Ward has made a kind offer to clean out the gutters and down pipes free of charge, a gesture which has been gratefully accepted. Since the meeting this has been done and a thank you letter will be sent to Gerry from the Committee.
- n** The Chairman advised that he and two other Committee Members had attended a meeting with the landlord of the Nevill Arms with regard to the problems encountered at the Beer Festival. This earlier meeting agreed on a number of points and the Secretary read out these at the meeting. These points have been confirmed with the Landlord and the Committee are expecting further confirmation from him on his future plans for any further festivals.
- o** No further news on the repairs needed to the flagpole.
- p** Karl asked Susie if she would compile a list of which persons held what keys relating to the Hall. It was confirmed that if by some future date such a list cannot be compiled, then a change of locks may be required.
- q** Susie confirmed that the gifts as discussed at previous meetings had now been purchased and would be handed over to the recipients shortly. It was also decided to make a fourth gift.

- r** A new exciting booking had been received in connection with a fund raising effort with regard to next years Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and it had been agreed that the normal fee would be waived.
- s** With regard to the quiz night on Friday 18th November, Keith will organise and run the actual quiz with help on the night from Nikki. Jane was to investigate the supply of fish and chips and Susie was to speak to Carolyn with regard to encouraging teams to enter. Ten tables was stated to be the top number.
- 3** **Any Other Business**
- a** The Chairman was to circulate to Committee Members a copy of a letter received from Insurers concerning subsidence at the building.
- b** Mention was made that a Drama Group with a travelling theatre had made an approach to the Committee and Susie was to investigate.
- c** Mick Cooper expressed some concern about the bookings for the Bowls Club and Susie said that all bookings once made would be honoured. Mention was also made that all bookings are now displayed on the village web site.
- d** Tom Price asked with regard to the recent closure of the entrance through the kitchen. The Chairman confirmed this was a temporary measure until the crack in the ceiling had been assessed by the Insurers.
- e** Tom also asked about the rumours he had heard about necessary repairs needed to the building and the Chairman gave an overview of the present situation.
- f** The Secretary advised that he would endeavour to have the Minutes of the Village Hall meetings placed on the Village Web Site and also a brief summary placed in the Parish Magazine.
- 4** **Date and Time of Next Meeting**
Monday 28th November 2011 at 7.30 p.m.