

MEDBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

Minutes of Meeting held at 7.30 p.m on Monday 28th November 2011

Present: Committee – Karl Jenkins (Chairman), Keith Sandars (Secretary), Carolyn Frostwick (Treasurer), Michael Garfield, Susie Garfield, Nickie Philbin, Ian Clarke
Public – Celia Pocock, Sarah Robbins, Cathy Moran

Note: Prior to the official business of the meeting the Chairman welcomed Kevin Butcher the Leicestershire and Rutland Village Hall Advisor. Kevin gave a very informative and useful talk concentrating mainly on the types and source of Grants which may be available to the Committee.

Apologies: Jane Boulter

- 1** **Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 25th October 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** A quotation in the sum of £750 had been received from a Tree Surgeon for the removal of the beech tree, near the kitchen door, which had been condemned by two Insurance Assessors. A planning application is to be submitted shortly in respect of this removal. Mention was made that an auction would be held to sell off the wood, also consideration would be given to replace the tree with an evergreen, with possibly a bench being located nearby.
 - b** The Secretary confirmed that letters relating to the increase in fees would be sent out within a few days.
 - c** Confirmation was given that the Committee were now paid up members of the Rural Community Council.
 - d** The telephone connection in the Doctor's surgery has still not been installed.
 - e** The Chairman confirmed that plans for the wheelchair access had now been drawn up and that a planning application would be submitted shortly. The question of a possible grant would also be investigated.
 - f** Some concern was expressed about vehicles travelling over the wet grass.

- g** Susie confirmed that the wooden floors had now been treated and that the new cupboards should be installed before Christmas.
- h** The Chairman confirmed that an estimate in the sum of £11,000 had been received from Kettering Roofing in respect of the necessary repairs to the roof. Depending on the insulation required there may be an extra addition to this sum.
- I** Nothing further had been heard from the Nevill Arms following the meeting relating to the Beer Festival and the Secretary was asked to write to the Landlord.
- j** Mention was made that Kevin Thompson thought that the flagpole did not require any work to be carried out. However it was decided to seek a second opinion.
- k** Susie confirmed that she was still making enquiries as to who was holding keys to the Hall but it was proving difficult in some cases to secure the return of the keys. The Chairman stated that it might be necessary to change the locks.
- l** Susie mentioned that the gifts previously purchased would be handed out shortly.
- m** With regard to the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 2012 it was decided to investigate the possibility of handing out commemorative mugs to children in the village below a certain age.
- n** It was reported that as the proposed date for the quiz clashed with the Cricket Club dinner and the Children in Need night the event was postponed to a date to be fixed in the new year.
- o** Susie confirmed that she had now received from the Bowls Club their bookings for the 2012 season
- p** The Secretary confirmed that the Minutes of the Committee meetings were now being posted on the village web site.
- 3** **Any Other Business**
The Treasurer handed out the latest financial statistics which indicated that excluding any capital expenditure the Committee were just about holding their own.
- 4** **Public Question Time**
a Celia Pockcock mentioned that the radiators were getting very hot. Michael and Ian said they would check the thermostats but said that in view of the size of the main hall it was quite possible that the room

was not reaching a sufficient temperature for the thermostats to cut out. Mention was also made that if an Energy Audit was held at some future date this might have some relevance to the problem

- b** Celia Pocock mentioned that the extractor fan in the disabled toilet was very noisy. Michael said that he would investigate the problem

- 5** **Date and Time of Next Meeting**
Monday 30th January 2012 at 7.30 p.m.