

MEDBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

Minutes of Meeting held at 7.30. p.m. on Monday 12th March 2012

Present:	<u>Committee</u> – Karl Jenkins (Chairman), Keith Sandars (Secretary) Carolyn Frostwick (Treasurer), Susie Garfield, Michael Garfield Nickie Philbin, Jane Boulter
	<u>Public</u> - Ann Price, Tom Price
Apologies:	None
1	Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 30th January 2012
	Copies of the Minutes had been previously distributed to all Members, the Minutes were passed as a true record, proposed Jane Boulter, seconded Nickie Philbin.
2	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes
a	A planning application has now been made to remove the beech tree outside the kitchen and a quotation from a tree surgeon has been accepted. A replacement tree to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee will be planted in the autumn.
b	A long discussion took place in connection with raising funds through applications for Grants. The Chairman advised that before we could apply for Grants that we needed to have a written Constitution in place and that he was working on this. It was also mentioned that due to the present economic climate Grants were much more difficult to obtain. The Treasurer was also authorised to purchase several "Tool Kit C.D.s" which it was felt would be very useful.
c	Alternative quotations are being sought for the necessary repairs to the roof, but Kettering Roofing are to be asked to look at the guttering and flat roof.
d	Quotations are to be obtained from Heating Engineers for the replacement of the gas boiler and the heating system.
e	Quotations are also being obtained for the necessary repair and replacement of glass in some of the windows.
3	Treasurer's Report
a	The Treasurer handed out the latest financial figures.
b	A discussion took place concerning the difficulties faced in trying to get the co-operation of users of the Hall in "dovetailing" their evenings in an effort to raise further much needed income.
c	A further discussion took place concerning the use of the money in the Bank from the sale of the old Village Hall. Due to the circumstances mentioned in 2b above regarding Grants it was felt that urgent repairs, particularly the roof would have to be funded from the money in the Bank, together with any monies that might be obtained from a Grant.

4	Any Other Business
a	In view of the fact that the Committee intended to place a résumé in the Parish Magazine of their meetings it was agreed to make an annual donation of £40 to the Church to help with the costs of producing the magazine.
b	It was confirmed that a reply had now been received from the landlord of the Nevil Arms concerning the issues raised with regard to last year's Beer Festival. It appeared that nearly all of the concerns had been addressed.
c	The Secretary apologised to two members of the public for the fact that the date of a previous meeting had been changed after the publication of the minutes of the previous meeting which gave a different date.
d	At a previous meeting a suggestion had been made that a bench might be placed near the proposed new tree but it was reported that there was some concern in the village that this might attract vandalism.
5	Public Question Time
a	Tom Price mentioned that a Dawn Chorus Walk would set out from the Village Hall at 4 a.m. on Sunday 13 th May
b	Tom enquired about the gifts given to previous members of the Committee.
c	Tom also made enquiries about the proposed questionnaire to be circulated in the village. The Chairman mentioned that this had been delayed due to other pressing matters but that a sub committee would be formed to progress the matter.
6	Date and Time of Next Meeting
	Annual General Meeting on Monday 16 th April at 7.30 p.m. preceded by the normal Committee Meeting at 6.30 p.m.