



Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday 10th November, 2014

PRESENT

Committee:

Karl Jenkins – Chairman (KJ)
Carolyn Frostwick – Treasurer (CF)
Amy Hayward-Paine - Secretary (AHP)
Jane Boulter (JB)
Tim Gidley-Wright (TGW)

Public:

David Tuffs (DT)
Tom and Ann Price
Rebekah Budenberg

1. Apologies for Absence
Georgina Hardman-Ward

2. Treasurer's Report
CF Presented the Treasurer's report.

Since the last meeting we had the Village Hall Social Evening which was a great success and raised income of £168 after expenses. We have also paid for the felling of trees in the grounds and the supply and planting of the Christmas Trees. We have received pledges of donations of £500 and £300 from the Nevill Arms and Matt Oliver respectively towards the cost of the Christmas tree and lights. It is likely that this will leave a very small shortfall on the costs once the cost of an electrician to help with the installation is taken into account so it will not affect the Village Hall funds significantly.

The Preschool rent is still awaited. CF will remind GH-W to issue copies of the invoices Bank account balances are as follows – unchanged from last month as the cash held from recent events was sufficient to cover the costs of the Christmas Tree and the final details of income and expenses are awaited.

3. Approval of Minutes from October meeting

Approved by KJ and seconded by CF.

AHP to re-send the updated budget sheet as was sent after the October meeting and also the Minutes.

4. Matters arising from October meeting

Pre-School cupboard

Following the cupboard being emptied the committee thanked the Pre-School.

AHP volunteered to clean the cupboard before it is used to store VH items and locked.



Meet and Greet (Thursday 23rd October)

CF reported that £150 was raised and there has been positive feedback following the event. The committee agreed that this could become an annual event each Autumn due to the interest shown. It was noted that the Sports Club now has a social evening each Thursday so this day should be avoided. It was also agreed that having better quality wine works well.

Christmas Party, Saturday 6th December 2014

AHP organised poster for the Parish Magazine with supporting copy reviewing the work of the Committee.

5. Events:

Christmas Tree unveiling party

Christmas tree has now been planted. £500 has been donated by Marc Kemp from the Nevill Arms, plus he has paid £100 for the cherry wood. Pendimo (Matt Oliver) has donated £300 for the lights. CF Advised that the VH cannot claim Gift Aid if the donations are from businesses after checking on the Inland Revenue website. CJ asked her to double check this.

KJ will ask both donors if they want to pay for this via their personal accounts to enable the VH to claim GiftAid.

CF to register the VH for Gift Aid.

Lights need to be purchased. KJ advised that the VH has the use of Marc Kemp's electrician to sort the power source.

After some discussion it was decided that residents could join in a countdown to the lights turn on.

The Meet and Greet leaflet drop proved that this helped drive visitors so will be repeated for this event, taking place on 22nd November, 11am. AHP to create the posters, TGW to print them out. AHP to send the poster to DT (and call for volunteers) for the village website. The posters need to make it clear that there is a pay bar / cost for food.

KJ advised that there is free compost available following the planting of the tree.

AHP has received a quote from Bates Butchers for catering: the price for 50 servings of hog roasts, 50 hot dogs and 50 burgers will be £475 via a catering van. As a charity the VH will receive £60 for every 100 rolls sold.

The committee felt the cost of the catering was high and AHP to ask Bates to review costs. Rebekah Budenberg suggested AHP asks Jill Pemberton if she has any contacts following research for previous events and to get a quote (if applicable) from Waterloo Farm.

GHW has volunteered to run the bar.



It was decided to have a chocolate fountain as money can be made from this. KJ to ask Steph Dunkley if we can borrow hers.

For the film screening, JB to provide the speakers and amp (and drop off in advance); DT to provide the projector.

AHP to purchase the alcohol and hire glasses; JB to source see-through plastic cups
The Committee will meet on 2nd December to discuss final arrangements.

6. Maintenance and Repairs

The roof is no longer leaking above the porch. Therefore it was proposed that the remaining £1,000 should be paid to Tim Polito. Proposed by KJ and seconded by TGW. CF investigating the boiler service.

CF highlighted that the four corners of the raised bed is very sharp and perhaps needs to be looked at with concerns that it is dangerous.

Rebekah Budenberg suggested purchasing corner protectors (i.e. from Mothercare). The issue will be assessed before the next meeting and discussed then.

DT concerned about the drain overflowing and icing over. Needs to be channelled below to avoid this issue. Would cost £1,000 to dig slabs up and digging it in. Tim Polito to re-quote on this.

7. Website update

We website continues to be updated with the proposed new bookings system being the next major change (if it was to go ahead).

8. Bookings status

AHP has not been able to commence the free trial of the new online booking system and also needs to look at this with GHW.

There is an ongoing issue with bookings – DT highlighted that Gigaclear had issues contacting GHW who has not also attended the last few committee meetings. This led to another discussion about the need for new committee members – AHP is sending copy to DT for the village website. It was also decided that potential volunteers should be contacted directly.

9. AOB

AHP ha feedback from the Surgery regarding its use of the Hall. One major point was the lack of space for patients when waiting for appointments. The Surgery was also keen that its private Broadband connection was not affected by any renovations.



7. Public Question Time

The Price's asked if there would be a review following the lack of interest in Sunday Tea's over the summer. It was decided that this would take place by the Committee in January however it was pointed out that the Committee is so small that it cannot commit to running Tea's itself each week. Soup days will also be discussed in this meeting.

DT highlighted that Medbourne was Highly Commend for Community Day by the RCC, which the committee was pleased about. He attended the awards and presented a framed certificate, which KJ will ask Mick to affix.

Rebekah Budenberg highlighted that a Ladies who shop event might be successful in the VH following attending one of these events recently. TGW knows the organisers and will speak to them about Medbourne running an event.

Rebekah Budenberg also raised some questions about why two trees were recently felled and the Christmas Tree erected. She fed back that some residents were surprised about the trees coming down. KJ highlighted that this was fully discussed in previous meetings and also Planning Permission was sought and approved before the work took place. He highlighted that as well as Village Hall meetings being open to members of the public, Minutes were published on the Village website each month.

This led to a discussion about ensuring the VH has more visibility, summarising meeting decisions in the Parish Magazine. AHP will endeavour to do this but the small number of volunteers on the committee means that all members are already overstretched.

8. Date and time of next meeting

Monday 8th December 2014, 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.