



Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 15th June 2015

PRESENT

Committee:

Amy Hayward-Paine (AHP) - Secretary
Bill Barrie (BB) - Bookings
Lyn Easton (LE) – PC representative
Jane Boulter (JB) Pre-School representative

Public:

Tom and Ann Price
Rebekah Budenberg
Gary Chisholm, 1st Welland Valley Scouts

1. Apologies for Absence

Karl Jenkins
Carolyn Frostwick

2. Approval of May Minutes

To be approved at the July meeting when those who attended last month's meeting are present.

3. Treasurers Report

Apologies that I am unable to join the meeting tonight.

Bookings have picked up and fees are coming through well.

AHP visited Tiddlywinks and they handed over all cash on hand except a small float they retained. I propose that as the records are not good with regard to usage of the Hall and no reliable invoices have been issued, the Committee accepts the payment made of £464.13 in full and final settlement of hire charges up to 31 May 2015. This was agreed by the Committee and a receipt to this effect needs issuing to Tiddlywinks.

Other bookings have generated income of over £700 putting us at a surplus for the year to date of £1,449.

Recent events raised the following after expenses:

Film Night 22 May	£67.00
Model Railway Event 6 June	£144.00

I will copy AHP with the full accounts for circulation with the Minutes.

4. Actions from May meeting

AHP confirmed she had LE's details and had circulated the new contact list. She had also spoken to the Pilates teacher re moving classes to another day. The teacher is now away for two months so this will be tbc when she returns.



JB has investigated how Great Easton runs its film nights and a professional company used to be used – this is no longer the case. She flagged that we might a licence to show films, which needs to be looked into. By the next meeting she will come back with some details on a rural film showing option that will negate the VH having to procure such a licence.

5. **Events**

Model Railway – AHP noted that having pairs of volunteers serve refreshments for two-hour slots worked well and should be repeated for other events.

Food Festival – AHP confirmed that exploratory emails to local producers had returned positive feedback, which means that the event could be viable. Costs to now be confirmed and commitment gained from those being approached.

Wine Safari – Caroline Jack is looking at a date in September and needs to confirm with the hosts and committee members that this is viable.

Summer Meet the Neighbours – AHP instigated a discussion around the details of this event. It was decided that no entry fee should be asked for, however a raffle could raise additional revenue on the night. AHP confirmed a flyer could be placed in the Parish Magazine and it could be publicised at the Church Fete on 4th July. The Scouts would not meet at the VH on this night. AHP will create a poster.

6. **Maintenance and Repairs**

Tile – JB flagged that there was a loose roof tile and requested that the interim caretaker look at it. She also reported that the post on the field gate is loose and a wheel was also needed. AHP to ask KJ about attaching this.

There followed a discussion about the state of the grounds where the storage sheds are located in light of the Scouts using the Hall and requiring space in this area. It was confirmed that the VH, Tiddlywinks, the Church and Pre-School all have sheds, however there were a number of items that could be thrown away.

The Committee (and public) agreed that a skip should be hired within the next two weeks to assist with this, followed by strimming and general organisation.

Following the meeting the committee viewed the area and agreed that removing un-wanted items would create much needed space. The Committee, Gary Chisholm and the interim caretaker to work together on getting this organised.

7. **Bookings update**

BB reported that bookings are on the increase. The calendar and invoicing are up to date. BB not convinced that we should move to the HallMaster system while it is still in the Beta stage (i.e. on trial) so currently on hold.

8. **Scouts**

Gary Chisholm, leader of the newly re-formed 1st Welland Valley Scouts attended the meeting and introduced the committee to the proposed booking.

The regular booking would be each Thursday, with Beavers attending from 6-7pm, then the Cubs and Scouts using two rooms for the next hour.

Gary outlined the kind of activities the group would like to get involved with to seek go-ahead from the committee. This included pond dipping and bridge building – it was advised that Gary approach

The logo for Medbourne Village Hall features a decorative green flourish at the top. Below it, the word "MEDBOURNE" is written in a large, green, serif font. Underneath "MEDBOURNE", the words "VILLAGE HALL" are written in a smaller, grey, sans-serif font, with each letter spaced out.

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VILLAGE HALL

Brian Smith about this and also about getting involved with The Hollow. The Group would want to do (supervised) indoor shooting which the committee agreed, as long as firearms certificates were confirmed and there was no noise pollution. It was also flagged to Gary that the lights in the main hall are quite low so this could be a hazard.

With 40-50 children making the move from Stoke Albany and Wilbarston, it might be necessary to increase the number of nights the Scouts use the Hall to two per week if more children from the Welland Valley started to attend. If this were the case, Gary asked for a reduced rate could be considered, which the Committee agreed to.

The Group has a trailer and Gary asked if this could be stored in a suitable spot, perhaps near to the storage area towards the rear of the Hall. AHP flagged that this would need to be secured. It was decided that after the meeting the Committee and Gary would look at the storage area to see what can be made available for the Scouts in the short term.

There followed a discussion around the need to organise this area. AHP flagged that KJ was not against this but wanted the Committee to be aware that there was a cost involved in hiring a skip and was it something we definitely had to do? The Committee (and public) agreed that if it was necessary, a skip should be hired but for a minimal amount of time, with perhaps the Scouts helping with the tidying up.

Gary also flagged that the Scouts would like to camp in the grounds of the Hall. AHP wanted to check with CF that the VH was insured for this activity otherwise there was no objection.

He asked if the Scouts could have some notice boards in the main room. JB was unsure of this due to other events taking place in the Hall. AHP suggested the corridor could be used and will get quotes on pin boards for this purpose.

Finally, after the Scout meeting this Thursday (18th June), there will be a grand opening on September 18th.

AOB

JB announced that the Pre-School rep role would be split between her and Rebekah Budenberg, so all communication to be copied to both.

AHP suggested that key VH contacts were listed in the VH. Those present agreed, CF had previously agreed. AHP has also updated the fire notices and will ensure laminated versions are placed in each room of the Hall.

LE updated on Youth Group status. Currently it does not seem likely that they will move back to Medbourne. The VH Committee will await feedback from Cllr Louise Pilkington who is gauging interest in the village and from the questionnaire.

LE then advised that the PC owns a lawn mower. Colin Lawson fed back that it needs a service. The Interim Caretaker is storing this lawnmower and has had it serviced. AHP also advised that CF has re-worked the caretaker ad and it will be in the next issue of the Parish Magazine.

JB flagged that the sink is blocked in main room – could the interim caretaker look at this?



9. **Public Question Time**

Tom and Ann Price suggested that the meet the neighbour's event could be a great opportunity to encourage more people to join the committee. Flyers could be produced to hand out on the night.

Tom Price updated the committee on the revised boundary. KJ has created drawings for proposed new entrance which has been submitted to the Free School Trustees (landlords) for their approval. This document is attached to the Minutes.

We will need to re-look at the flowers in the raised beds and the lavender has overtaken the roses in the existing one.

10. **Date of next meeting**

Monday 20th July 2015. 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.09pm

Addendum:

Following the meeting the storage area to the rear of the building was investigated. It was confirmed that several items could be discarded and some moved altogether. The Scout's trailer would not get through the gate but as the panels are very loose, an alternative panel arrangement could be considered. AHP to ask the Caretaker to look into this and to get quotes for skip hire.

Gary asked whether a Scout plaque could be put on the outside of the building – the Committee to look into this.

It was also discovered that there is a filing cabinet full of items belonging to Youth Group as well as games and other large equipment taking up valuable storage space in the smaller of the Hall interior rooms. AHP asked JB if this could be moved whilst Youth Club is not currently using the Hall. JB to come back to the committee with feedback.