

## Minutes of Village Hall Management Committee meeting - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2007

**Present:-** Margaret and Bill Patten, Richard Windsor, Douglas Owen, Mary and David Tebbutt, Amy Freeman, Mary Stonehouse, Paul Cole, Vicki Worthington, Rosemary Littlewood, Melvin Eveleigh, Kim Watkins, Paul Pedrides, Lauren Dokarkar

**Apologies:-** Paul Watkins, Rose Cole, Chris Burrows, Alina Forde, Isabelle Bromham.

**Matters Arising:-** The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

**Bookings Report:-** Richard said that he had had lots of enquiries for bands bookings but does not know them all. Should we limit the numbers? Some appealed to the very young and there were concerns about under-age alcohol consumption and gaining a bad reputation. It was decided that this matter would be discussed by Paul and Richard as they were present at most gigs. It is hoped that the later drinking hours of the pubs will have a beneficial effect on the 'extra' drinking at gigs. The first Farmer's Market is booked for March 11th.

**Treasurer's Report:-** David stated that the current balance of Fund is £13,364 and the Reserve Account has £24,316 in it. David confirmed that the electricity supplier will refund £1,113 to the Village Hall account in January. The Water Board have increased the Direct Debit from £32 a month to £78, based on estimated readings and David will endeavour to sort out this.

The Christmas Carol Concert raised £405 and warm thanks were given to Douglas for his efforts at arranging the band and selling tickets. The Christmas Fayre made an estimated profit of £120. In view of the nearness to Christmas it was felt that it would be more profitable to have the two events on separate days next year, with the Fayre being earlier, i.e. late November or early December.

Fundraising/Publicity: - As the fund raising committee was somewhat depleted no new venture had been suggested except that May seems a good time for an event. It was suggested that May Day could be celebrated with a variety of things, including Maypole Dancing, a Brass Band, a barbecue, an Auction of Promises.-e.g. A meal from the Thatch, a cake to be made, a massage, a pedicure, a round of golf, etc. Ned Storton for auctioneer?

### **General Maintenance:-**

The W.I. have raised concerns about the front door 'sticking'. On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan. three members had great difficulty opening both the front and adjacent fire doors. Richard will ask Gary Court to see to this and Amy said that she would also ask Marcus to look at it in the meantime. The lock on the Whist Drive cupboard has gone. It was agreed that the Whist Drive members should replace the lock. Will Amy tell them? The W.I. are aware that the cupboard at the back of the stage is taking up space and will let us know if they will keep or remove it. Clearance for the panto performances:- All Toddlers things will be put in the Lighting Gallery. Trestle tables will be put underneath the stage. The lights are still tripping and should not be switched on all at once. David to make a notice by the lights. Gary Duncan to be asked to check the fuse box. Is the electricity safety check due?

### **Hall Extension Project:-**

Funding Applications:- David has been assured that we will hear from the Big Lottery Fund by the end of February. Two more applications are being considered by NDDC and CCD. A fourth application will be made to Awards For All. Paul Cole showed a sketch of plans for an extra storage area to the side of the Village Hall. This would have a pitched roof to give extra storage. After discussion it was agreed that Paul will apply for planning permission.

### **A.O.B.:-**

1. The tarmacing of the area behind the V.H. has been delayed for a day or two. The V.H. Committee will pay half the cost (£1500) and The Youth Club the other half (£1500).
2. It was agreed to meet at 10am on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January to clear the hall ready for the panto.
3. Richard stated that as Vicki W. had booked the hall two days a week Craft Stall for the season, another applicant should be refused as three days a week would make the use of Village Hall too commercial.
4. Mary Stonehouse has had notification of a course at Filleigh - 'Demonstrating Good Practice in Your Village Hall.' David suggested that he and Mary S. go on it - Mary to check her diary.

Next Meeting:- Thursday. 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2007 -7.30.p.m. NO FUND RAISING MEETING