

## **Minutes of Committee meeting held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2007 at 7:30pm in Croyde Village Hall.**

### **Present:-**

Rosemary Littlewood, Bill Patten, Margaret Patten, Mary Stonehouse, Mary Tebbutt, David Tebbutt, Douglas Owen, David (from Chapel Farm), Isabelle Bromham, Christopher Burrows, Amy Freeman, Vikki Worthington, Lionel Pettit, Alina Forde.

### **Apologies:-**

Paul Petrides, Paul Cole, Paul Watkins, Kim Watkins, Richard Windsor, John Symonds.

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

### **Notice Board:-**

David from Chapel Farm gift shop attended the meeting and has volunteered to look after the notice board in return for some free advertising space, it was agreed this was a good idea. The Village Hall events diary should be sent to David so that he can display them on the notice board.

### **Treasurer Report:-**

The current hire costs were read out to the committee members.

David Tebbutt stated current account is currently at £12,513 and the reserve account £24,316. Large cheques written £750 to Paul Osborne builder (preparation for rear car-park area) and £750 to Derek Adams for the tar-mac and resurfacing work, which is now fully complete.

David mentioned that originally it was thought the total cost would be around £3,000 it was previously agreed that the Village Hall would pay £1,500 and the Youth Group would pay the balance of £1,500. Unfortunately the total final cost has come out at £4,343.39. Being £1,343.39 higher than expected, the Youth Group will have to find this amount in addition to the expected and budgeted £1,500. This unfortunately leaves the Youth Group in an uncomfortable financial position.

It was noted though that the rear area is now looking great, very neat and very tidy.

### **Fundraising:-**

No fundraising meeting tonight.

### **Youth Group & Skateboard Club:-**

The Skateboard area is up and running and has been very well received by the kids.

Croyde Youth Group is planning a youth band afternoon on Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> 2007, 5-9pm.

The Youth Club is having a summer break; last club night is scheduled for Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March and it hopes to re-start again in September.

Chris and Isabelle reported that they are still attracting upwards of an average of 50 children on their club nights.

Chris to contact V.H. insurance company for advice about the rear car-park area.

Chris to look into "P.L. Liability" signage for the rear car-park area.

A fence is required to stop kids running into the road, Chris to sort it out.

The "Teenage kicks" youth film was attended by approximately 45 persons of various ages, a very interesting film about growing up in North Devon.

If anyone has any spare drinking mugs, please bring them along.

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**Toddlers Group:-**

A letter was read out from Kerri Cawthorne with regard to the toddler Group. Amy Freeman agreed to open up the hall and their storage cupboard.

**Bookings:-**

Many thanks for the cheque from Croyde Players including a generous donation.

**Hall Extension Project:-**

Unfortunately the BIG LOTTERY FUND has said NO to our application for funds.

David Tebbutt to continue to look into funding options (e.g. Awards For All)

**General Maintenance:-**

It's noted that the main lights blow the fuse when turned on together.

A couple of regular bulbs have blown! Should we replace with energy saving bulbs? (funding?)

Is the yearly electrical inspection due? – Georgeham electrical to be contacted.

Leaves to be removed from the drainage points.

**Any Other Business (AOB):-**

A concern was raised about the cleanliness of the hall after certain groups had hired it.

Village Hall best practice meeting 28/3/2007 at Fillie Village Hall. Croyde V.H. should pay expenses and travel expenses for their attendees.

David Tebbutt mentioned an idea about using the Youth Groups cinema projection equipment and screen for a 'Silver Screen' film afternoon for the 55+ age group.

It was mentioned Fund Raising should continue and we should focus, even though the extension project looked a long way off.

A BBQ was suggested over August Bank Holiday weekend.

An auction of promises was suggested.

A Barn Dance was suggested and had great support from the committee. A Barn Dance sub-committee with: Isabelle, Vikki, Mary T, Amy, Douglas and Margaret to meet separately at 7pm on 1<sup>st</sup> March to discuss and push forward the idea.

It was noted that Georgeham Parish Council are invited and should be encouraged to attend our committee meetings.

**Date of next meeting:-**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2007, NO fundraising, general meeting @ 7:30pm.

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