

CROYDE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
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Minutes of Croyde Village Hall management committee meeting held on
Thursday 3rd September 2009 at 7:30pm in Croyde Village Hall.

1a. Present:- Christopher Burrows (secretary), Douglas Owen, Vikki Worthington, Amy Freeman, Richard Windsor (bookings secretary), Jane Pinchbeck, Margaret Patten (chair), Paul Watkins, Rosemary Littlewood, Alina Ford.

1b. Apologies for absence:- Paul Petrides, David Tebbutt (treasurer), Mary Stonehouse

2. Representations—comments from the public:- No public present.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes:-

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as correct, and signed by Margaret Patten (chair).

4. Treasurer report:-

Current account: £ 10,455 Reserve account: £ 5,655 Bar float: £ 150

Please see attached PDF document for full details.

(The above include the untouchable £5,000 emergency fund).

5. Bookings report:-

Richard reported that the hall continues to be very very busy, with something happening almost every evening (although events during the day are scarce).

Unfortunately the Cosmodome 360 degree cinema have cancelled their Tuesday bookings.

There are various activities throughout September and October that require a bar and thus also require an unpaid volunteer bar person from the committee. Richard and Paul to organise the bar.

The committee agreed that the booked wedding (24th Oct) could supply their own Champagne, with the village hall charging a small corkage fee.

It was agreed that any advertising of events at the Hall with a bar **SHOULD NOT** specify the words "CHEAP DRINKS" as it was considered inappropriate and may encourage the wrong sort of people.

All previous village hall events diaries are available online at – www.CroydeVillageHall.info

6. Fundraising report:-

The Ferret Racing on Friday 14th August 2009 was an amazing success, raising an incredible amount of money for the village hall. Another one is planned, but no dates have been decided yet.

David Tebbutt and Rosemary Littlewood and applying for money for a hearing loop and P.A. system.

7. Extension project report:-

The only remaining bar item left to purchase is a wine cooler for Rose and White wines – Paul Watkins and Chris Burrows to organise.

Security for the stored drinks now needs sorting out – Paul Watkins and Chris Burrows to organise.

The refurbishment of the men's toilets is the only major remaining item from the Extension Project. We have the money and we should get this sorted ASAP before the panto season.

8. User group reports:-

Croyde's Deckchair Cinema

Running very well with good attendances throughout the summer for the Sunday evening 'surf films'. From September onwards we'll be showing a blockbuster film once a month on the 4th Saturday of the month. September – Star Trek. October – The Boat That Rocked.

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Croyde Players

The pantomime for this year is ALADDIN; rehearsals are planned for Tuesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. A production of "GHOST TRAIN" is also planned for May 2010.

Croyde Craft Fair

Vikki Worthington wanted to clarify that the craft fair pay for the hire of the hall, the area out the front and the village green. Sometimes they go inside, but mostly outside. The craft fair don't mind the hall being "double booked" but if this is done, then they should be informed, as this summer there have been some embarrassing "double booking" moments.

The village green grass is a little worn, the craft fair stall holders will re-plant the grass.

Croyde Youth Club and Skateboard Area

Chris Burrows reported that the skateboard area was still very well used every day!!! Especially during the school summer holidays. Chris visits the area three times a week to check it over and pickup – repair anything that needs doing.

The winter Youth Club is due to start again late October or early November depending on holidays.

Croyde Toddler Group

It was noted that the Toddler chairs were out and about around the hall; they should be stored away within the lockable Toddler storage cupboard.

9. General maintenance:-

Colin Brown and Rosemary Littlewood have again been working very hard around the hall. (It must be remembered that Colin and Rosemary are doing this work unpaid for the village hall).

The committee room blackout blinds to be fitted by mid November.

Hand dryer in men's toilet to be fixed – action Paul Watkins.

The rear fire exit door drip thing to be fixed by mid November.

The Whist Drive tables to be updated and repaired.

A new wire fence has been put up between Croyde Motors the public toilets and Croyde Village Hall.

Colin Brown, Rosemary Littlewood & Chris Burrows, have cleared the side alleyway of foliage.

Chris' pile of builder's rubble has been removed.

New shelving has been installed in the rear storage room.

The committee had a very long discussion about outside lighting ~ no suitable solutions found.

10. Any Other Business (AOB):-

1. The committee had a very long discussion about staffing the bar on quiet nights ~ no suitable solutions found. In the first instance, unpaid committee volunteers will be sort, if none can be found then paid bar staff will have to be found and paid or final option, no bar will be offered.

2. Bar stock lists are working very well, an opening stock take followed by an end of night stock take, combined with the bar takings will enable us to work out the profitability of the bar.

3. Croyde Comedy Night is planned for Thursday 10th Sept – Chris Burrows has spent an enormous amount of time planning this event. Chris Burrows and Paul Watkins to run the event on the night. Margret Patten, Terri Burrows and Alina Ford to run the bar.

4. Hobson's Choice play was considered a huge success with over 70 seats paid for. We must encourage them to come again.

5. All the old plastic chairs (well 98 of the 99!) have been sold – thanks to Vikki Worthington.

6. It's probably about time to take down the Christmas lights?

11. Date of next committee meeting:- Thursday 1st October 2009 @ 7.30pm

End of meeting. 8.45pm close.

For official paper copy,
Chair persons name & signature:~

Date of signing:~