

BUCKLAND NEWTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at the Village Hall on 17th November 2009 at 5.00 pm

ATTENDANCE

Nicki Barker [NB] (*in the chair*), Jeremy Collins [JC], Jan Marpole [JM], Trevor Marpole [TM], Fran Parker [FP], Janet Shaw [JS], Keith Wright [KW].

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Grace Hunt, Emma Holgate, Ian Scott and Gill Nell.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There was no declaration of interest by any member present.

3. EXTENSION TO STAGE

Nicki Barker explained that the reconstituted BADS (now BAPS) wished to construct a demountable extension to the stage for their next production. It could also be used for future productions. Jeremy Collins showed plans and a model of the proposed extension. All components would fit in the front loft, with the possible exception of the steps which might be too heavy to lift to loft entrance height. Trevor Marpole estimated cost at £250. It was understood that BADS may have some money in their account which could be utilised. Application to the Fete Committee for funding would also be considered. It was agreed that the stage extension should be constructed. Trevor Marpole also outlined a scheme to make the handrail/balusters at the right hand rear of the stage hinged, so that actors could enter behind the wings. This was agreed.

4. HALL CLEANING

Nicki Barker reported that the Hall had at times been found in a not-very-clean state midweek. She suggested a rota of Committee Members should check the hall for cleanliness each week and take appropriate action if necessary, to save Sue Sulkin always having to do this. This arrangement should only be necessary while Grace Hunt was not cleaning. In discussions, it was felt that regular users of the Hall left it in a tidy state and that it was likely to be irregular users who did not clear up satisfactorily, and that non-regular users should be charged a forfeitable deposit. In the longer term, Committee members thought that arrangements should be made for a paid cleaner mid-week until Grace resumed duties.

ACTION

The meeting closed at 5.30 pm.

