

BUCKLAND NEWTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at the Village Hall on 3rd June 2010 at 7.30 pm

ATTENDANCE

Nicki Barker [NB] (*in the chair*), Jeremy Collins [JC], Emma Holgate [EH], Jan Marpole [JM], Trevor Marpole [TM], Emma Munday [EM], Fran Parker [FP], Ian Scott [IS], Janet Shaw [JS], Sue Sulkin [SS], Brian Wells [BW], Diana Wells [DW], Keith Wright [KW].

1. APOLOGIES

Gill Nell [GN] (represented by Dian Wells), Fizz Lewis [FL].

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There was no declaration of interest by any member present.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 6th MAY 2010

The Minutes for 6th May 2010 were approved unanimously by those present at those meetings and signed by the Chair.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6TH MAY 2010

It was confirmed that the electricity supply contract had been amended.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 10TH SEPTEMBER AND 11TH NOVEMBER 2009

It was confirmed that the stage extension was stored in the front loft.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

Sue Sulkin reported as follows:

HSBC Account: £247.76

CAF Account: £24,864.72

Booking fees were under review in order to cover the increased utility costs. Recent investigations and figures provided by Jan Marpole and various members of the Committee had been very useful and left no doubt that hiring fees would need to be increased, possibly in the form of a winter heating levy. A revised electricity supply contract would reduce both price per unit and standing charge. The oil tank had been filled up at a cost of £980.81; this bill had been paid in full and should be taken into account in considering the balances above. A proposed advertisement for the Village Hall (to be published in the Lydden Vale News) was circulated. Jeremy Collins indicated that as a charity, the Hall would probably not be charged. It was agreed that the Hall should renew its membership of the Dorset Village

ACTION

Halls Association / Dorset Community Action.

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Lulworth £24 (£6 per hour) *this has a bigger hall than BN*

Powerstock £30 (£7.50 per hour); £6 per hour for 10 or more bookings; £30 per day for fundraising events *small hall*

Durweston £16 per session; £39 for non-local bookings.

All these charges included heating. Ian Scott was still trying to obtain figures for Thornford and Frampton.

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9. ADVERTISING

Jeremy Collins circulated a draft brochure for the Hall. Further work needed to be done.

10. FUTURE OF THE PLAYGROUP

No further information was available.

11. HALL CLEANING

No further information update.

12. HALL LICENCE

Ian Scott reported on discussions with the District Council. One in five halls had converted to have a licence, some purely for village events. Private hirings generally used the TENS system, some had individual licences. Cost of licensing was £100 for the first year with £70 in subsequent years. It would be necessary to give notice of the change and it was suggested this could be done through the Lydden Vale News, at which time an explanation of the system could also be given. Trevor Marpole expressed his view that the licensing should be for local users only, with others making their own arrangements. Ian Scott agreed to deal with the required paperwork. It was agreed there should be a supplemental charge

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to users for a licence at an event.

13. **CAPITAL RESERVES**

It was agreed to defer discussion to the next meeting.

14. **REPAIRS TO HALL**

A work party day was agreed for Saturday 24th July.

15. **KITCHEN PROJECT**

Brian Wells confirmed that plans to relocate the kitchen to the bar/cloakroom area were impractical. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

16. **AOB**

It was requested that the clock above the stage be either moved or the time corrected.

17. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 22nd July at 8.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.46 pm.