

BUCKLAND NEWTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at the Village Hall on 7th December 2010 at 8.00 pm

ATTENDANCE

Nicki Barker [NB] (*in the chair*), Jeremy Collins [JC], Jan Marpole [JM], Trevor Marpole [TM], Gill Nell [GN], Fran Parker [FP], Ian Scott [IS], Sue Sulkin [SS].

1. APOLOGIES

Emma Munday [EM], Janet Shaw [JS], Brian Wells [BW]

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There was no declaration of interest by any member present.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5TH OCTOBER 2010

Approval of the Minutes for the meeting held on 5th October 2010 was proposed by Trevor Marpole, seconded by Jan Marpole and agreed unanimously by those present at that meeting and signed by the Chair.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5TH OCTOBER 2010

i. Fire Safety Report. Ian Scott believe this was possibly in the metal box in the attic and undertook to try and locate it.

ii. Heating Thermostat. Trevor Marpole reported that this appeared to be working correctly and offered to box in the controller. It was suggested that Brian Wells be asked to take on responsibility for maintaining the programmer.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Sue Sulkin reported as follows:

HSBC Account: £547.38

CAF Account: £24,008.49

The CAF Account included £1,000 donation from United Charities for the kitchen project. £350 transferred from the CAF account to pay the oil bill had been returned to the CAF account. The Fete Committee were holding £1,000 against the kitchen project. Letters to both the United Charities and Fete Committee had been sent.

WDDC had been advised that the amount payable for use of the Hall for the elections in May would be £150 (increased from £100), bringing the Hall in line with other Village Halls.

Theatre Alibi's show on 7th November had raised £47.20, plus £11.70 from refreshments. Young Farmers play generated £95 income. 'Messy Play' had been booked for 17th January.

ACTION

IS

TM

BW

The Committee Room needed improvement in order to retain bookings being lost to the Parish Room. Suggested that heating should be improved.

6. **HEATING THERMOSTAT**

Dealt with under Matters Arising.

7. **RESPONSE OF FUNDING TOWARDS KITCHEN MODERNISATION PROJECT**

As noted under Financial Report, letters of thanks had been sent to United Charities and Fete Committee.

Richard Bonnie was organising a Mexican Train evening on 7th January to raise funds split between the Village Hall and the Church. There was some discussion on whether there would be sufficient response to make this a worthwhile fundraising event after costs and whether the date was too near Christmas. Gill Nell, Jeremy Collins, Jan Marpole and Nicki Barker offered to prepare food. Jeremy Collins said that he needed to let Richard Bonnie know whether to proceed. *(Note: subsequent to the meeting e-mail exchanges showed some doubt as to the viability of the event; details were passed to Richard Bonnie.)*

8. **RESPONSE FROM OCTOBER LYDDEN VALE NEWS ARTICLE ON PROPOSED KITCHEN UPGRADE**

Following the article in the Lydden Vale News outlining the two options considered, no response or comment had been received.

9. **WAY FORWARD ON KITCHEN**

There was a discussion on the way forward following the last committee meeting. Trevor and Jan Marpole said that they were no longer able to offer assistance in refurbishing the kitchen. Nicki Barker reported that Charles Gorton had earlier offered to quote for carrying out improvements and it was agreed to ask Charles Gorton to look at the kitchen refurbishment and provide a quote on a straightforward refurbishment and addition of cupboard space on the Committee Room wall adjacent to the kitchen.

10. **ITEMS REQUIRING ATTENTION IN THE HALL**

i. **Insulation of pipes in kitchen.** Trevor Marpole offered to carry out this work.

ii. **Drain Cover in front car parking area.**

iii. **Front Roof (over toilets / bar area).**

iv. **Cage over boiler flue and trunking over oil pipe.**

11. **PLAYGROUP UPDATE**

Emma Munday had provided the following update: Numbers were good up to the previous week, averaging 10. The Playgroup was appreciative of the support offered by the Village Hall Committee. Care was being taken with use of heating. Buckland Newton School was considering a Foundation Unit, but funding and other constraints meant this was likely to be some way off. The Toddler Group would continue as at present.

12. **ARTSREACH EVENTS**
Saturday 22nd January: Braga Tanga
Saturday 19th February: Entertainment from a former member of
the Old Rope String Band.
 13. **AOB**
No matters raised.
 14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
Tuesday 10th February 2011 at 8.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.12 pm.
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