

**Minutes of the Enford Village Hall Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 8 July 2014**

Present: Steve Becker, Hamish Scott-Dalgleish, David Spencer, Kriss Mitchell, Ollie Stagg

1. **Apologies:** Judy D'Arcy-Irvine and Anthony D'Arcy-Irvine

2. **Minutes Committee Meeting 13 May 2014**

Steve briefly read through and asked for any comments.

Acceptance of the minutes proposed by Hamish, seconded by David and agreed unanimously.

3. **Matters Arising:**

Item 10.vi. Ollie has the shelving for the lock-up in hand.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Hamish presented the Treasurer's Report:

- The book balance as at 30 June 2014 is £2,564.24
- Outstanding creditors £800, outstanding debtors £200.
- Bank balance £9,740.07
- Contingency Fund £30,000

Donations last year were £2,000 not £7,000, the difference being the £5,000 grant given for the mower. We will probably make a small loss this year but generally the money situation is ok.

5. **Chairman's Report:**

Bookings continue to come in quite well. Five more weddings this year, having had three already, plus one booked for 2015. We've had four private parties for birthdays and anniversaries with another four to come, with bookings coming mainly from the village.

Film Club averaging 40. 22 tickets is the break-even point to cover the licence of £99 plus DVD and there is usually a small profit from the bar.

Low numbers for organised events seems to be 'par for the course' and is experienced by other villages as well. People now seem to have so many other commitments.

Rain or Shine are coming back July 15th for the outdoor production of *Treasure Island*. Bring your own picnic and drinks. If wet it will be in the hall but the long range forecast is looking very promising.

We can also book them for next Christmas and following the success of *The Snow Queen* hopefully more people will come.

The redecoration of the hall and changing rooms was completed beginning of May. David, Steve and I are agreed the standard of work was a bit disappointing. Quentin, Lesley's husband, has offered to take on the annual commitment for redecoration and I think his standards will be very high. I suggest we book him for next April to do just the main reception and hall areas. He is happy to come and touch up at other times if required.

I would like to thank Steve, David and Hamish for all their hard work all through the year – with increased bookings the workload inevitably rises – and they deserve a huge thank you!!

6. **Parish Plan Report:**

No further progress to report at present.

7. **Maintenance Officer's Report:**

Four turned up for the outside painting.

The weeds have now been sprayed.

The key press will be put up in a couple of weeks.

8. **Grounds Officer's Report:**

Rabbits haven't caused too much damage this year and the grounds are looking good.

9. **Projects Completed Since Last Meeting:**

i) Picnic tables have been delivered and erected.

10. Future Projects:

- i) Storage: The following project was given the go ahead:
 - Judy has quote for fencing to split the compound into two – £433 plus VAT.
 - Thereafter it is proposed two separate doors into the compound. The existing door to access a new shed, with a new door at the other end for access to the Klargester.
 - A purpose built 8x9 apex shed would be £712 plus VAT.

Hamish stated that it wouldn't be feasible to store the mower in the new shed – perhaps (if and when the need arose) we should see if Jane had room in the adjacent barn.

- ii) Water Softener:
Steve to contact Nathan – ongoing.

- iii) Car Park Lighting: No progress.

11. Future Events:

- i) Tuesday 15 July '*Treasure Island*' outdoor event.
Hamish has allowed parking in his field. David will take charge of parking on the night.
Steve & Ollie will take charge at the entrance to the event.
Tanya & Kriss will take charge of the bar.
- ii) Friday 31 October - Fireworks and Bonfire Night.
- iii) Sunday 9 November - Curry Lunch in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund (to be confirmed).
- iv) Saturday 29 November - Church Christmas Fair.
- v) 2015 – WWI Commemoration:
Ollie has spoken to Rob Coultard and Bob Taylor with a view to helping with the event. They will be invited to our next meeting (AGM) on 16 September. June may be a good time for this event.

12. User Group Reports:

- Short Mat Bowls:
This will restart first week in September.
- Football Club:
There may not be an adult Enford team next year but the Red Lion team should be OK.
The Enford Juniors will carry on.

13. Any Other Business

- Bookings:
The *Hallmaster* booking system is being trialed and works OK. Subscription for a year is £180. A year's trial subscription was agreed.
- Village Hall Committee:
It has been suggested that the Committee composition should be altered in favour of more elected members. In which case, one solution would be to have a single representative speaking on behalf of all user groups. Charity Commission to be approached.
- Annual Audit:
Hannah Tucker from Coombe Lane has been approached and is happy to carry out an independent examination of the VH accounts.

14. Date of Next Meeting & Proposed Dates for 2014/15

16 September AGM / 11 November / 2015 13 January / 10 March / 12 May / 7 July / 15 September AGM

Steve thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.25pm.