

Minutes of the Enford Village Hall Committee Meeting

Held on Tuesday 13th September 2016

Present: Judy D'Arcy-Irvine, David Spencer, Maggie Maund, Ollie Stagg, Hannah Tucker, Sally Parker, Hamish Scott-Dalgliesh

1. **Apologies:** Anthony D'Arcy-Irvine, Kevin Bennetts, Jacqui Elkins, Jane Young

2. **Annual Accounts:**

Hannah presented the final accounts for the last year 2015-2016. After minor adjustments there was a surplus for the period of £3,249.52. There was extra income this year and expenses were down on the previous year. More weddings and private functions had been held and events such as 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and 'A Christmas Carol' had done well. All Licenses had been paid and included in this Financial Year.

The bank account stood at £34,832 which included £25,000 which was in the process of being reinvested. In addition a further £13,000 was held in reserve. The cost of the new floor scrubber/polisher was included in the final accounts.

The profit made by the VH may affect future donations but it was agreed to deal with this situation if and when it should arise. The Parish Council allow attendance at its precept meeting before grant decisions are made and Hamish may be able to attend.

Judy said that Kim Riche had done a very thorough job of reviewing the accounts and had found only a few minor anomalies before signing them off. She thanked him for agreeing to carry out the audit. Judy also mentioned that Kim was now running the Enford Newsletter website and suggested the VH give Kim a bottle of wine as a thank you. It was also unanimously agreed that the accounts should be presented to the AGM for approval.

3. **Minutes of Committee Meeting 12th July 2016:**

Judy informed the committee that the floor scrubber had been purchased for approximately £600 and it needed some scrubbing pads to be purchased before it can be used. The kitchen drawer and the blind had now been repaired. The acceptance of the minutes was proposed by David Spencer, seconded by Hamish Scott-Dalgliesh and unanimously agreed.

4. **Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising.

5. Maintenance Officer/Grounds Officers Reports:

There was nothing to report on maintenance which was all up to date.

For the Grounds Report, Hamish said that he had laid 10 sq m of rubber parking grid and we must now wait to see how it beds in and then decide if more of it will be needed. The parking area was at the lower part of the ground below where the football pitch starts. It was agreed that last year had been exceptionally wet but if similar conditions occur again then no parking should take place on the field until the ground dries out.

There was a potential problem regarding the storage of the tractor used for grounds maintenance. Although it was fine for now its storage should be kept on the agenda. It was suggested that perhaps Jane could be approached to see if she could store it in one of her barns nearby. Hamish said he would contact her if it became a problem.

6. Future Projects:

Judy said that she was keeping both the extension to the patio area and improvements to the car park lighting on the future projects list.

The additional stockade storage was probably not required at the moment as the Youth Club was on hold for the time being. She said that Sue Greenhow had not been hopeful that it would restart. There may be a reluctance for older children of up to 16 years old joining in with children as young as 5.

7. Future Events:

Judy and Tony Blanch asked for volunteers to help with the Remembrance Sunday Lunch.

Hamish said he would ask the new owners of the field he had previously owned if they would have any objection to it being used for parking for the Fireworks and Hallowe'en event on Saturday 29th October. Hamish said he would confirm this in due course.

Judy said that the Watermill Theatre in Newbury have an Outreach Programme which may be interested in the suitability of using the VH for some of their events.

Any concerts and events being held in the VH would be welcome. Another Quiz in the autumn or close to Christmas would be held. The last quiz had been very successful and the organisers had kindly donated £150 to the Hall.

Judy said she would like to hold a wine and cheese tasting event and Ollie said he would pass on the details of a supplier of English wines as these may be popular.

Bushan Vohora and Clive Bullen will organise the projector and help with the running of the film nights. Judy asked if other volunteers could also assist.

The Christmas Rain or Shine production this year will be 'The Hound of the Baskervilles' on Tuesday 6th December. The Summer Rain or Shine production will be 'Twelfth Night' on a date to be confirmed.

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8. Proposed Dates for 2016/2017 Committee Meetings:

8 November / 2017 10 January / 7 March / 16 May / 11 July / AGM 12 September.

9. Any Other Business:

Hamish said that the Football Federation appeared not to have been in touch recently and asked if there was any news from them. Ollie said that although he had spoken to the Wiltshire County Football Association, there was nothing forthcoming from them.

Ollie also said that although one of the football coaches had left, another had been found to replace him for the Saturday morning coaching sessions.

There was no reason why the VH grounds could not be used for other sports such as hockey if anyone knew of clubs which would be interested and could utilise them.

Judy thanked the committee for their attendance and closed the meeting prior to the AGM .

