

Minutes of the Enford Village Hall Committee Meeting
Held on Tuesday 16 January 2018

Present: Judy D’Arcy-Irvine, Hannah Tucker, Maggie Maund, Jacqui Elkins, Jane Young, Hamish Scott-Dalgliesh, David Spencer, Rosemary Cox

1. **Apologies:** Anthony D’Arcy-Irvine, Ollie Stagg

2. **Minutes of Committee Meeting 21 November 2017**

The Christmas Quiz Night had had to be cancelled due to insufficient support but the Christmas Nights, held on three Fridays in December, had done well and made about £220. The children’s Christmas party had gone ahead and had been enjoyed.

Hamish had asked Amanda if she would look at the situation regarding the horse shelter during the annual fireworks display paying particular attention to wind direction and distances. Hannah had guidance from RoSPA outlining what the legal distances for a fireworks display should be and Hamish undertook to discuss this with Amanda and potentially the organisers of the display and Hannah. Hannah said that she had had the field and shelter since 2003 with the displays starting in 2009. Judy said that this matter would be taken seriously. Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Jacqui Elkins and seconded by David Spencer

3. **Matters Arising**

Social Media: Judy said that Tracy Southard had been approached to set up a Facebook page for the VH. Tracy had agreed and the page may already be available. Tracy also undertook to keep the page updated. Other social media outlets may follow.

Grants for new tables: Judy said that the Farmers Trust, through Bruce Waight, had made a £3K grant to the VH. The cheque had been received and Judy had sent a letter of thanks. The Enford Community Fund had also offered a donation of £750. Judy said the best quotes for the Gopak tables were £229 through Church Buying Group and 12 would be needed. Two trolleys to move them would be needed and these cost £357. Another small trolley to move the oblong tables plus a further chair trolley may also be needed. The total cost for all the equipment would be £3,723, which was £23 over budget. Judy said she would make an assessment of the requirement for tables, trolleys and chairs and also check the tables at the Collingbourne Ducis VH to see if the type they had there would be suitable. The old tables would be sent to the Jubilee Auction Rooms for sale or advertised through the Village Halls Association. Cossors may also take them if they could be delivered or collected.

CCTV: Judy had contacted TH White and Aker Fire & Security (Tag Pulham) to see if the quotes obtained in the summer were still valid. They were except TH White’s would be £200 more due to upgraded cameras including high definition and infra-red technology. The information they recorded would be held for 2 weeks. Judy undertook to ask the companies involved regarding the long term reliability of the cameras and other Village Halls for their experiences.

She would also ask about call out times and cross check the quality of the cameras etc. She would ask about the viability of putting a camera on the spare electricity pole to keep an eye on the area. Any system, if purchased, would take 2 weeks to install. Since the last meeting, a parking light had been smashed. The Stockade door was now being secured by a padlock and chain with repair costs amounting to £183.

4. Treasurer's Report

Hannah distributed the accounts to date and said sales and hall hire were down compared to this time last year. The Enford Community Fund grant had not been received yet but when it was, it would bring the finances to approximately the same as last year. There had been less expenditure on repairs and the finances held a small surplus. However, the Wednesday Keep Fit sessions had ended and would probably not be returning due to difficulties in attracting people to attend. The VH has, for genuine reasons, lost the Youth Club, the Football Club and now Keep Fit. If any other user were to drop out, the finances would go into deficit. Short Mat Bowls, Yoga and Pilates were still proving popular but there is little activity during the day which seems a waste of the facilities. The new Art Class seemed to be going well.

Haddon Training use of the hall produces a good income and they use the wifi. Last year the unitary and general elections had generated additional income. The Bustard Group continues to provide a regular income with their visitors using the car park and WCs.

Judy would like to hand over the running of the Film Club but if that folded, income would be lost. She would approach Clive Bullen to see if he would be able to take it on. Judy said that there were a lot of good films lined up for the future and if anyone wanted to organise them, children's films could be screened.

5. Chairman's Report

Although Judy would have liked someone to attend a Data Protection Act seminar with her, she would attend on her own at a cost of £25.

6. Maintenance Officer/Grounds Officer Reports

David said an electrician would be attending in the next few days to repair the car park lights.

Hamish said he would remind Martin Woodruff to come to look at the mole situation.

7. Club / User Group Reports

Short Mat Bowls and Gardening Club were going well.

The Camera Club had had members ill over the winter so numbers had not been as many as usual but otherwise, it was doing well.

Junior Football was doing well.

The Newsletter was also doing well

8. Future Projects

- i. Improve car park lighting – request grants and quotes
- ii. Installation of CCTV – ongoing
- iii. Purchase new lightweight round tables and trolleys – ongoing
- iv. Installation of two new benches, levelling flag stones, replacement wooden hand rail
- v. Maintenance – redecoration not considered necessary this year
- vi. The shutters will be serviced in March.
- vii. A quote had been received to repair the Stockade
- viii. Gutter and fascia board to be repaired

9. Future Events

Pewsey Male Voice Choir – Booked for Saturday 10 March with a light supper provided to attract attendance with tickets costing £10. Profits to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance charity.

Summer Production by the Rain or Shine Theatre Company – volunteers required to organise this

Remembrance Sunday Lunch – 11 November

10. Any Other Business

Judy said that Anthony had been negotiating with Wiltshire Council on behalf of the Parish Council for the lease of land for a proposed skate park, allotments and an upgrade of the playpark in line with projects highlighted in the Parish Plan. Having initially said the lease would only be for 7 years, which would have meant grants were unlikely to be awarded, Wiltshire Council had now agreed as an exception and were willing to award a 125 year lease. The cost of this long-term project is approximately £28K, to be undertaken in stages. There will need to be water provided for the allotments. Playpark suppliers will be approached to make an assessment and provide quotes.

Following the Backpackers Association interest for a weekend in 2019, Judy said she would market VH to the Caravan Club and send them brochures and flyers.

11. Proposed Dates for 2018 Committee Meetings

13 March / 8 May / 10 July / AGM 11 September / 13 November

