

Minutes of Committee Meeting of Enford Village Hall at 7.30 pm on 8th May 2018

Present: Judy D'Arcy Irvine, Hamish Scott-Dalgleish, Jacqui Elkins, Hannah Tucker

Apologies: Ollie Stagg, Jane Young, Anthony D'Arcy Irvine, Rosemary Cox, and David Spencer.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Judy advised that the new tables had arrived and were deemed to be very satisfactory. They were funded by Samuel Farmers Trust (£3,000) and Enford Community Fund (£750). The Enford Community contribution was on top of their annual contribution from their surplus

Firework display

The proposed firework display was discussed in the context of Hannah's concern re siting of the launching of the fireworks in close proximity to her field shelter. According to her the launch has always been as close as 30 feet from the shelter which is in contravention of all the approved guidance where 50 metres is recommended from buildings.

Hamish had spoken with Mandy Farrow of Enford Community who advised that their firework professional had not yet been to revisit the site but will do so. He would do all he could to make sure the launching site was 50 metres from Hannah's shelter but the weather position on the night concerned would have to play an important role regarding the siting. The use of the Bruce Waite/Jane Young field would also have to be explored but access might be an issue especially if the field conditions were wet.

Judy recommended to Hannah to look at the Pains Firework website which had a useful site map and advice. Hamish explained that the insurance requirements were extensive but did not lay down specific guidelines on layout. Best practice should always be adopted in order to avoid liability.

Treasurer's report

The treasurer provided the committee with management accounts which showed a surplus for the year to date but Judy warned that repair costs would eliminate the surplus very shortly. The stockade repairs had been partly completed but not yet paid for.

Expenditure on new emergency lights (£700-800), new hand rail (£1000), new car park lights (£400) were expected. Income was not as strong as might be hoped for. The tractor rally organized by Bruce Waite had been a great success but resulted in a larger cleaning bill than normal. Weddings were not thick on the ground and Hannah commented that the new venue of Casterley Barn in Rushall might be a threat but it was felt that our budget price of approx. £500 for whole weekend would cater for a different scale of wedding.

Hamish commented that electricity was a significant cost element in the accounts and perhaps a review of the hire costs for the hall might be relevant. A survey later in the year to see the fees of the other village halls would be a useful exercise.

In view of additional repair costs due to vandalism and inevitable “wear and tear” replacement expenses after nine years of operation, Judy felt that there is likely to be a deficit at financial year end.

Individual reports

Individual reports were limited due to attendance. Hamish reported the grounds were in reasonable order and moles now causing less damage but he had incurred a cost (£30) to get rid of them. He would be on to the case earlier next year.

Judy explained that she had communicated with the Tidworth Area Board (Part of Wiltshire Council) which had indicated that they were not averse to helping with funding of the car park lighting upgrade and installation of CCTV. Judy had been in touch with TH White re CCTV and they had come up with a quote of approx £2000 for a scheme with 6 cameras and a larger recorder. 6 cameras would cover the hall and car park with no blank areas and provide a higher level of security.

Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 10 July 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further matters, the meeting closed.

NB Future Dates for Meetings 2018 / 2019

10 July / AGM 11 September / 13 November / 15 January / 5 March 2019