

Minutes of the Village Hall Committee Meeting held on 20th July 2009

Present: Geraldine Sweetland ...Chairman
Karen Russo... Vice Chair
Judith Goodger... Secretary
Peter Haynes...Parish Council
Dorothy White...W.I
Jacquie Ladyman ...Pre-School
Faye Fricker...FOCS
Phil Griggs ...Short Mat Bowls
Yvonne Hands....Youth Club.
Karen Hill...PC Clerk. (Finance)

Members of the public: –

June Haynes, Joyce Markham, Phil Ayles, Graham Daniels, Lawrence Chapman.

1 Apologies were received from Carol Wray, Mini Strikers and David Hinds.

2 The Minutes Of The Last Meeting were accepted as a true record.
Proposed Peter Haynes, seconded Dorothy White.

Matters Arising.

- Thanks to Peter/June and Karen for the flower festival arrangement.

3 Financial Report.

There was no update from the last meeting, Everything going well.

4 Open Gardens

This weekend was a great success, with beautiful weather! The event raised in excess of £2500 which is currently held in the Open Gardens account where it will remain until after the refurbishment of the hall. Peter Haynes personally thanked the open gardens committee for a really good weekend. Geraldine gave special thanks to Yvonne for her organisation of the catering. It was generally felt that the scarecrows were brilliant for the children.

The dates 9th/10th July 2011 are provisionally set aside for the next one.

5 Hall Refurbishment.

We have a grant from WREN of £43000 , we need to find some £4500. This amount will enable us to carry out almost all of the planned work. Window coverings and notice boards are not covered along with the re-launch. It was felt that the window coverings and the notice boards would be a good use for the money from the Open Gardens.

Timetable: -Week of 20th July...hall clearance by organisations. Work begins on Monday 27th July Work hopefully finishes by end of August. Sept 2nd/3rd ...Floor resealed. Major cleaning of hall. Sept 7th Hall re-opens to organisations.

All of the contractors work is covered by the grant. Any monies not used will be claimed back by Wren. IF there are any unforeseen extras these will be covered by Wren. The tree planting can be partly covered as a donation and the re-launch party can be held at minimal costs. We trust that there will be no delay to the work as there is NO VIABLE ALTERNATIVE for most users.

6 Hall Booking All representatives are asked to remind their organisations of the need to obtain a booking form and get their dates booked in for September to end December as soon as possible so as to avoid not getting the date they need over the Christmas period. Bookings are already being taken for December and next year. Remember that your booking is only definite once the booking form has been returned to Judith and it is written as such in the hall diary. You will be contacted if there is a problem.

7 Any Other Business.

- Phil Ayles reminded everyone that the Parish Council is investigating other possible grant outlets in order to insulate the roof space.
- Phil Ayles asked those present to consider the gate at the entrance to the hall, do we still need one since the entrance is being moved to the rear of the hall. Geraldine reminded the meeting that the idea of the gate was a safety issue as there is no defining line where the path way ends and the road/car park begins. It was generally agreed that a gate was still needed but that it should be moved further back to the opposite side of the present entry door, it could also become a single gate for pedestrians only. Geraldine was asked by Phil Ayles to obtain a quote and a design for this. The P.C would ask for a short meeting with MK Council over this.
- Phil Griggs questioned as to whether or not the rear store cupboard outside doors are going to be sealed to stop the heat escaping from them. This is hopefully going to be done by the builders.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

8 The Next Meeting will be on Thursday September 17th at 7.30pm in the village hall. Apologies for this date were received from Jacquie Ladyman, Pre-School.