

DOWN ST MARY VILLAGE HALL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
10TH JULY, 2017

Present: Alan Clarke, Anthony Martin, Tessa Pluck, Nigel Fidock, Audrey Cooke, Denise Appleyard

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 12th June, 2017 were shared, read and agreed.

Treasurers Report: The finances are all looking healthy and a separate balance sheet was supplied by Nigel up to the 10th July, 2017.

The most significant expenditure has been the hall insurance which amounted to £591.39. Nigel has negotiated a five year agreement which gives us a 10% discount over the premiums for 5 years. Roger Tonkins completed the painting of the outside of the Village Hall and the sum of £18.97 was paid for the extra black paint.

Nigel has not yet paid the £40 to Copplestone Recreational Association due to bank changes being implemented. It was decided to pay Copplestone R.A. in cash and obtain a receipt which Tessa will give to Ken, Chairman of Copplestone Recreational Association.

It was also noted that in the insurance documents, bouncy castles are considered hazardous, therefore, if having one, the insurance company should be informed.

Matters Arising: Nigel has been in touch with Hannah Hockett re the cleaning of the Village Hall but is awaiting her response. Anthony said he would have a word with her when she comes to clean his house. If we get no response, Alan proposed putting an advert in the Village Notice Boards.

Nigel is going to send Margaret Squires a copy of the invoice for the repair of the hall floor for her records.

The Village Fayre was discussed and Tessa said we need to let the people whose cars are parked in the vicinity of the Village Hall be informed that we will need them moved at least a month before the event. It was debated about the siting of the cream teas and nearer the time a decision will be made. It was noted that we may not need the trailer if we have nothing to put on it. Again, that will be decided when we organise the Fayre.

Alan has been issued with a temporary password for the website so it is now updated so change of banks can now proceed. Nigel is to receive all correspondence relating to the insurance of the Village Hall.

Chairmans Report: Alan said Mike Austen had volunteered to paint the Village Hall outside but the work has been carried out by Roger Tonkins. All committee members were emailed about painting the door black as opposed to blue and all members were in agreement. The guttering of the Village Hall will need to be emptied prior to winter together with exposing the air bricks. Replacing the hall floor will be discussed at a later date as it is a huge project. For the time being, the repairs carried out will suffice.

Alan has been approached by Dave Skelton requesting a table tennis club. Tessa and Denise found a table tennis table in the Village Hall so we would just have to buy a net. Alan to email Dave informing him that we have the board and see what he wants to do. It was noted that it would be another income for the Village Hall. Badminton was also suggested but the Hall ceiling is too low.

Future Events:

Tessa said that as people had been away, the girls on the committee need to give thought to future fundraising. Denise said that Margaret Phillips had given her some bottle tops which was presumed to be used for bingo. It was noted that Copplestone have a meat bingo regularly. It was discussed about the success of the antiques evening with cheese and wine and it was proposed that Tessa ring Bearnese to see if there are any available dates for Chris Hampton to either do an antiques evening or a blind mans buff evening. Nobody was sure as to what the blind mans buff entailed, therefore, at the next meeting it will be discussed as to which one will be held.

Nigel suggested a Christmas tree on the village green with mulled wine, soft drinks, mince pies and sausage rolls together with carols and Father Christmas. Refreshments could either be around the Christmas tree or inside the Village Hall. Everybody was in agreement that it would be a good idea instead of a Christmas Bazaar which is a lot of work. Nigel proposed it run from 4pm to 8 pm. Nigel thought the Christmas tree could be set in concrete but further thought needs to be given to this. Alan suggested roasted chestnuts. Audrey said she would approach Tuckers to see whether they would donate or part donate a large Christmas tree. It was suggested that it be a joint venture with the WI but it was noted that the WI have lots of funds at present and the Village Hall have lots of expenses so need constant fund raising, therefore, Denise and Audrey to inform the WI what we are proposing to do and see their response. The support of the village is needed for these ventures to succeed.

There was a lot of discussion about general fund raising and Denise mentioned scarecrow competition, fruit kebabs, flower arranging by ticket.

Any Other Business: Denise proposed we give Roger Tonkins a present to show our appreciation of the work he carried out. Tessa to write a thank you letter and Nigel to get the present.

Nigel is to speak to Andie regarding the change to the metre £1 slots as the old £1 coins will be extinct later in the year.

Tessa asked whether the legal document has been approved and Nigel informed that the Commission wanted a copy of the old document to compare it with the new one. Alan to check with Andie as to what progress has been made and whether it has been approved.

Anthony mentioned that the WI seat in the spinney needs work carried out on it as one slat is missing and various other pieces need work. Denise and Audrey to inform the WI.

NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 2017 AT 7.30 P.M.