

## HERSTMONCEUX VILLAGE HALL

### Management Committee Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015

**1. Present:-** Jo Angear; Joyce Burt; Karena Mayhew; Bryan Naish; Ian Stewart; Gerald McBurney.

**2. Apologies:-** Karen Hathaway; Chris Thompson; Mary McBurney

**3. Attending:-** Rhys Clatworthy, (Caretaker).

**Karena M was Chairperson** in Mary McBs absence.

**4. Minutes of last meeting.** These had been circulated to all members. Joyce B raised query over hall cleaning day pointing out that allotted 20<sup>th</sup> August was a Thursday when usually such event is on weekend. Agreed 20<sup>th</sup> was day set aside.

**5. Hon.Treasurers Report.** Contact Treasurer for details.

**6. Caretakers Report.** (a) Bookings this year at £37,053 up by 1.21% increase over the month. For next year value up by 1.12% at £27,284. (b) Electricity usage for month was £198.57 compared with £291. (c) Maintenance. Pumps checked regularly. No problems. Water softener in dishwasher corroded so replaced. Cost £87.58. (d) Letter from Windmill Trust asking to display photos of ongoing work in entrance hall. Agreed no objection but display at Trust risk, ie they to ensure display safe.

**7.Siting of Memorial Plaque.** Bryan N thought we had already decided that it was to replace wood plaque near front entrance and he wondered if the new plaque would be seen by hall users if it was placed by the memorial trough. After discussion it was agreed that the wall nearest the memorial trough would probably be the more suitable. Ian S wondered if the new plaque might be enhanced by having automatic lighting above? Agreed lighting left to later. Queries re size and weight. Karena offered to provide details and circulate photo on e-mail.

**8.Access Rd.** Jo A 'could not believe an agreement had not been struck at time' and later queried why the committee was passing responsibility on to parish council. Trustee responsibility mentioned and possibility of hall finances

having to cover road repairs for usage damage on what was now a community facility rather than just that of the hall. Ian S pointed out some of the historical difficulties including rights of access for benefactor who kindly donated land. Some of the current negotiations involve an additional metre wide strip of roadway. Jo A asked if there was a way to protect Trustees from ultimate responsibility. Ian S thought that converting to Community Interest Company,(CIC), status would not be a problem and would protect trustees. Cost around £350. Bryan N wondered who would be responsible for putting salt on roadway during winter time? Karena M thought the C.I.C. idea had some merit but more details needed. As Chair she wondered if a written agreement, over potential costs, with the surgery would help. It was agreed to await the outcome of the meeting with the parish council on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

**A.O.B.** (a) Cleaning Day. Joyce B said she could not attend until the afternoon. Jo A is similarly placed. Ian S in USA. (b) It was agreed not to meet in August.

**Post script.** During the meeting some members had been concerned at youngsters skate boarding down access road. It was agreed that warning signs prohibiting such activities should be purchased and displayed. Rhys C has handbook of signs.

**The next meeting will be September 14<sup>th</sup>.**