

**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2017**

PRESENT

Chris Thompson (Chair) Sheila Charlton (Secretary) Ian Stewart (Treasurer) Joyce Burt
Jo Angear Bryan Naish Karena Mayhew Nick Porter Rhys Clatworthy

APOLOGIES

None

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 10TH JULY 2017

The Minutes having been circulated were signed by the Chairman as a true record of that meeting

MATTERS ARISING

Our Community Chest application for funds had not been successful although they urged us not to give up hope but to try again in 2018.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank balance at end of August 2017 was £19,303.10

Income July £2876

Expenditure July £4101.05

Income August £2113

Expenditure August £3047.68

1 Insurance paid July £1354.46

2 Electrical testing and PAT testing done in August £690.61

3 Grant of £1000 received from the Village Information Centre towards the cost of repainting. The painter had been instructed but was unable to carry out work in the holiday period due to prior bookings. We now have to extend the work and I suggest that at least the corridors are painted as these have never been done. **Agreed**

4 Grant from Herstmonceux Parish Council approved and due to be paid in September – total being £3450.

5 We have now joined AirS Village Hall advice pages. I have all the contacts passwords etc. And will pass them on to the Secretary in due course.

6 I received a report that a neighbour in North Lodge complaining about overhanging tree. I investigated but not sure if the tree is ours or John Ford's but as the hedge has not been cut for several years and grown quite high I have instructed Mick Goodsell to cut the hedge.

Otherwise not much else to report

CARETAKERS'S REPORT

Bookings:

2017: The Value of bookings at the end of July 2017 was £37412 (£36912), increase of £470.00 for August the total was £38520 (37412) increase of £1108. This is an increase of £1578 over the two months' period and we are £280 down on last year's figures.

2018: Value of booking a the end of July £28308 (£27838) and at the end of August £30554. An increase of £2716.00 over the two month.

We have 2 new regular users:

- Pilates starting this week for the rest of 2017 and potentially for 2018 (from the surgery)
- Chinese Brush Painting 2 bookings for 2017 and every week in 2018 (from Hellingly Village Hall)

Electricity: Usage over the last 8-week period was £22.09.

Maintenance:

- Pumps - no problem
- Painter hoping to come in half term

Actions:

- Pyrotec have done the fire assessment they are awaiting PAT testing certificates.
- Had to call in Fire & Rescue – smell of burning reported by Flower Arranging Workshop on 1st August 2017

Waste Disposal: Normal collection

JUMBLE SALE - 30th September

Jo and Joyce will receive jumble on Friday 29th September between 2.00 pm and 8.00 pm and the Jumble Sale to start at 10.00 until 12 noon on Saturday 30th September with members arriving at 8.30 am to help.

Sheila had advertised the event in the Parish News Magnet and What's On Hailsham and Ian to put details on the Community Facebook and circulate posters

Free entry - Karena will be in charge of coffee/tea & biscuits charging 50p

Sheila had contacted users of the hall for volunteers to help

Jo had suggested that a sign be placed at the top of the road advertising "Jumble Sale Today". **Noted**

Joyce informed the meeting that St Wilfrids Sarah Lee and British Heart Foundation would take surplus jumble.

Rhys would supply black plastic sacks and pricing would be at the discretion of helpers.

FEASIBILITY 5 METRE BUFFER FOR USE AS A PLAY AREA

Nick Porter reported that having discussed this with Ruth and Karen it was decided not to pursue this idea. However should the need arise in the future it will be brought back to the committee for discussion. However Nick thanked the committee for the offer of the play area.

ACCESS ROAD/LEASE

The Secretary read to the committee a letter she had received from the Clerk of Herstmonceux Parish Council informing her that the matter was near completion. Also that the tenant will make application to HM Land Registry to register the document (Deed of Part Surrender and Variation) to record its provisions against the freehold and leasehold titles. The Grant of Easement is with Dr. Simmons and his solicitor and should hear back from them soon.

CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

At the next committee meeting, we hope that the above subject matter has been completed and thus we will be able to forward our request to becoming a charitable incorporated organisation. The time limit being 31st December 2017.

MAINTENANCE TO THE VILLAGE HALL

As stated in Rhys' report we hope that the painter will be able to carry out the redecoration of the two halls and to tag on the redecoration of the corridors.

It was mentioned that we usually have a "cleaning day" for the village hall in October. After discussion, it was agreed that we would come in on Saturday 21st October at 9.00 am and carry out steam cleaning of the chairs and clean the lounge carpet etc.

Nick Porter was asked that after the painting of the small hall and corridor that pin boards be used in future to display notices and the children's paintings. Karina to give

Rhys details of pin board supplier.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Sheila presented to the committee details of solar panels, water heating immersion heaters she had received. It was left to Ian to investigate these details in the hope of finding details to reduce our heating bill.

Sheila had been contacted by the local Community Payback Team informing her they would be prepared to supply man power free of charge to carry out painting projects. Having discussed this matter it was agreed that we would not pursue their offer.

Nick Porter said that he had inadvertently set off the alarm system and was unable to stop the ringing. Although the matter of the keyboard had been discussed before, it was decided that this matter should be looked at again. Therefore it was left to Rhys to obtain a quote for the replacement of the panel box.

The matter of the Ray & Sheldon Group and Pre School arrangements were discussed and it was agreed that Chris Ian and Rhys discuss the matter further to see if an interchangeable solution can be agreed upon.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Please note that the next meeting will be held on Monday 9th October 2017 at 6.30 pm