

**MINUTES OF THE ARKENDALE MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE MEETING WED. 6th JUNE 2007 AT 7.30 PM IN THE OLD POST OFFICE**

Present:

Alan Stokes (Chairman)	AS
Jean Cox (Treasurer)	JC
Brian Shipman	BS
Jean Stokes	JS
Rick Hodder	RH
Peter Thorndyke	PT
Malcolm Howe	MH

1. Apologies For Absence

Sue Bramham, Caroline Houseman and Trisha Everts sent their apologies.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th April 2007

The minutes were unanimously accepted as being a true and correct record and, therefore, were signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising

JC had been in touch with the insurers regarding insurance of the site once the building was demolished, but they appear to have misunderstood the question, in that their reply indicated that they were concerned about the insurance situation during demolition. PT agreed to write to the insurers to obtain clarification of the position following demolition, taking advice from YRCC if necessary.

AS and RH had approached the publican at the Bluebell regarding the possibility of permanent right of access to a new hall via the public house car park. He had referred them to Punch Taverns PLC, who were the ultimate owners of the freehold and PT agreed to write to them to ask for the necessary permission.

**ACTION: PT**

4. Correspondence

PT reported that he continued to receive a monthly newsletter from HVS but would only raise at meetings any items of relevance to the committee.

AS reported on a note from Harrogate Chamber of Commerce requesting support for a proposal that Harrogate and other local towns should attempt to achieve the status of a 'unitary authority'. After discussion it was agreed that no action would be taken.

5. Financial Report

JC reported that there was £1955.56 in the current account and £12,000 in the deposit account. We had received £500 from the organisers of the 'fun run', £328 had been raised at the fashion show, and the quiz night had raised a net £385.87.

6. New Village Hall

- Future Plans: PT reported that the grant applications to the Wren challenge fund, and the Big Lottery community buildings fund had been submitted before the due date, and we should hear something from both of them within the next 2 months. He also reported that the application to 'Awards for All' (for £4,000 to demolish the old hall) had been sent in at the beginning of May and we should get a decision from them within 8 weeks. A discussion took place on what the next step should be, and it was decided to postpone applying for further grants until we had some reaction from the ones already applied for. In the meantime PT would bring the list of minor grant giving bodies up to date, taking advice from HVS and YRCC where appropriate.

- **ACTION: PT**

- Building Regulations: Nothing to report.

7. Fundraising

Strawberry Fayre was arranged for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July at Hardraw House from 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm. Admission was set at £7.50 for adults and £3.00 for children under 12.

There was concern about the number of people away from the village at the time of the event but it was agreed to carry on. JC agreed to source sausages and beef burgers from the butchers, but would need help to keep refrigerated, MT, HR, JH, SB, RH, CH, MC, CF, would be asked to prepare salads for the day (PT to enquire), MH agreed to organise games again, AS agreed to check with SB about the availability of barbecues. Wine, beer and soft drinks would be sourced by JC.

**ACTION: ALL**

The Auction of Promises had been arranged for 9.11.07. Details would be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Any Other Business

JC reported that the accounts had been signed. BS volunteered to be responsible for notifying the 'Link' magazine and the village website of forthcoming events.

It was noted that new committee members would be welcome. PT agreed to check whether anybody in Coneythorpe might be interested, via Peter Topham. Other committee members would give this some consideration and try to suggest possible candidates at the next meeting.

**ACTION: PT**

9. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30 pm at the Old Post Office.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date.....