

MINUTES OF THE ARKENDALE MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 10th MARCH 2015 @ 7.30 pm HELD IN THE HALL

Present:

Alan Stokes (Chairman)	AS
Jean Stokes	JS
Peter Thorndyke	PT
Jean Cox	JC
Peter Topham	PTo
Trevor Rowe	TR
Sue Rowe	SR
Malcolm Horne	Mho
Peter. Whitfield	PW
Gavin Holman	GH
Mark Robertshaw	MR
John Brook	JB

1. Apologies for Absence

Caroline Houseman and Malcolm Howe sent their apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2013 And Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be a true and fair record. PW proposed that they be accepted, PTo seconded the proposal which was agreed unanimously and they were therefore signed by the Chairman.

It was noted that all those required to do so had been to HSBC bank in Boroughbridge with documents that proved their address and identity. The new mandate should therefore now be in force.

AS asked the meeting to express their appreciation of the gift from Bettys of Harrogate of a coffee maker and 5 insulated flasks

3. Correspondence

None

4. Financial Matters

JC said that the current financial balances as at the date of the meeting were – deposit account £30,739, and current account £2,473. The only significant outgoing since the previous meeting was the cost of the upgrade to the BT broadband system.

PTo reported that there was a sum of £3046 available to the village for new projects, arising from commuted sums collected by HBC from new developments in the region. He said that changes were being made to the commuted sums system and he would keep committee members aware of those changes in the future.

JC advised that bookings were going well despite the price increase applied on the 1st January 2015.

5. Village Hall Maintenance

PW said that various minor maintenance tasks had been undertaken since the last meeting such as:

Servicing of boiler
Servicing of fire alarm
Replacement of light bulbs and protective covers

Wall painted in store cupboard
End cap on gutter replaced

He reported a potential water ingress problem which was being monitored; grouting that was required under the hatch in the kitchen, and kitchen bulbs that needed replacement. It was noted that radiators were still being turned off by users with the result that the hall was cold for subsequent hirers on future days. Those opening the hall were asked to check that all radiators were on. It was also noted that the Young Farmers meeting was creating very dirty floors. AS agreed to discuss this with CH.

A hall 'clean up' was scheduled for 11th April at 10.30 a.m. All welcome.

6. Report on Village Hall Usage

Nothing to report.

7. Wine Society

The society had held a successful 'Call My Bluff' meeting in January which had been very successful. The next meeting was planned for the 19th March.

8. AOB

It was reported that green spaces in the local villages had to be reported to HBC. There were two in Arkendale (The Mar and opposite the hall). PTo had dealt with Coneythorpe and Mho agreed to review the situation in Ferrensby.

The situation with Peter Houseman's land which the hall users were employing as a car park was discussed and it was noted that tarmacadam had been applied to it by the Bluebell builders who were using it to park their skip and equipment.

PTo asked if he could organise a RNIB coffee morning in the hall free of charge and this was agreed.

9. Date of Next Meeting

There being no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50 pm. The date of the next meeting was set for Thursday the 14th May 2015 at 7.30 pm.

Signed: _____ (Chairman)

Date: _____