

MINUTES OF ARKENDALE COMMUNITY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING 25th JUNE 2015

AT 19.30PM IN ARKENDALE COMMUNITY HALL

Present

Alan Stokes (Chairman) AS

Peter Whitfield PW

Peter Thorndyke PTh

Peter Topham P TO

Malcolm Howe MHo

Jean Cox (treasurer) JC

Caroline Houseman CH

Gavin Holman GH

Trevor Rowe TR

Malcolm Horne CMH

Jean Stokes JS

1. Apologies for absence

John Brook and Sue Rowe apologised for their absence.

2. Minutes of meeting held on 14th May 2015 and matters arising

The minutes were read and unanimously approved. There were no matters arising that would not be covered under the agenda.

3. Finance

JC reported that we have £3476 in the current account and £30773 in the deposit account of which £22,000 is in the reserve fund. JC reported that she had received a letter from HBC that indicated that discretionary rate relief for the hall would end in 2016, but it also said that the hall may be eligible for relief thereafter. Currently the hall obtains 90% relief.

There had been little movement in the finances since the previous meeting. JC has renewed the energy plans for gas and electric for one year and in each case, obtained a cost reduction. It was agreed that other suppliers would be reviewed next year.

4. Maintenance

MHo was thanked for his efforts to cut the grass at the front of the hall.

PW reported that the alarms had been serviced on the 24th June and a second chime had been installed. The emergency lighting had been checked, the hole around the telegraph pole had been filled in, albeit, badly. More gravel is needed for the paths round the front

and sides. Concern was expressed about children playing on the walls. MHo agreed to risk assess the walls and AS said he would contact the Bluebell management to warn them of the situation.

5. Hall Usage

CH said that usage was 'ticking over'. The exercise classes were full.

It was reported that Camilla, the organiser of the Teddy church, was not attending the church whilst having a baby. A discussion took place about organisations that were allowed to use the hall without payment. No decisions were made but AS agreed to talk to Camilla about the situation when she returned.

6. Missing items

Nothing to report.

7. Future Events

The Village Fair scheduled for the 1st August was discussed.

TR agreed to provide the music on the day. Attendees should bring their own picnic food, but strawberries, cream and shortbread would be supplied. The bar would be open from 12.00 until 4.00 pm. The admission fee would be £2.50 per adult and £1.00 for children.

8. AOB

AS and GH reported that they had spoken to the Bluebell management about potential car parking problems but they were unconcerned. They were also not interested in supplying food to the hall for meetings, but they agreed that they would inform the village hall committee when holding special events, and AS agreed to reciprocate.

9. Date of next meeting

There being no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.43 pm. The next meeting was set for 24th September 2015 at 7.30 pm