

MINUTES OF ARKENDALE COMMUNITY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING 8TH March 2016

AT 19.30PM IN ARKENDALE COMMUNITY HALL

Present

Alan Stokes (Chairman) AS

David Cox

Jean Stokes (Minute taker for the meeting)

Jean Cox (treasurer) JC

Gavin Holman GH

Caroline Houseman CH

Malcolm Horne M Ho

Peter Whitfield PW

Trevor Rowe TR

Sue Rowe SR

1. Apologies for absence

Peter Thorndyke, Peter Topham,

2. Minutes of meeting held on 3rd December 2015

The minutes were read, proposed by PW and unanimously approved.

3. Matters Arising

Risk assessment ADS has talked to the new Manager of The Blue Bell re children's safety in the land between the pub and the hall. The new manager Pablo has also agreed to provide sandwiches and coffee to any groups using the hall.

4. Finance

JC reported that we now have £3,014 in the current account and £33,879 in the deposit account of which £25,000 is in the reserve fund.

JC has negotiated with BT over the land line rental and has achieved costing of £24 per month to include both land line and Wi-Fi provision.

Last year's accounts have now been sent to the Charity's Commission.

Malcolm Howe has been removed from the Trustee register and David Cox has been added to it.

ADS said we have £3,000 in commuted sums available to us, discussion over its use centred on a new type of cushion flooring which helps to absorb sound. JC and DC to investigate pricing etc.

5. Maintenance

PW reported that the Fire Alarm has been checked and certified.

Further damage to the floor was noted; Young Farmers admitted and offered to pay for any work needed. ADS discussed the problem of damage to floor and it was decided to a) purchase a mesh metal doormat for outside the main door b) to look at the vinyl flooring mentioned above.

Storage PW reported on outside storage but cost and size remain an issue. CH said the chairs and tables stored at Holgate farm will soon have to be removed; she said she would discuss with Peter Houseman any further storage possibilities.

Separate round table tops were also discussed.

6. Booking Secretary's Report

Hall usage continues to be good and it is pleasing that regular users are still continuing to use and appreciate the hall.

Discussion took place over certain factors being mentioned in booking letters in addition to their being in the Agreement. These concern cleaning up after events and leaving the hall as it was found.

Teddy Church has made a contribution to funds of £60.

Coneythorpe Village Committee has booked the hall for a fund raising event for the Air Ambulance Service. This led to discussion over the number of rent free events we should allow. The decision was made that we have a policy of up to 2 coffee mornings plus 2 evening events per annum.

7. Future Events

ADS suggested we hold an outdoor Summer Event for the village and it was decided to hold a Strawberry lunch, as planned but rained off last year. Chris and Phillipa Bojkowski to be asked if they are willing for the event to be held at Grangefield on either 10th or 17th July.

8. AOB

Spring Clean of hall to take place on 6th May at 1pm.

9. Date of next meeting

7th June 2016

JS to book hall