

Buckland Brewer Village Hall Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2017

Present: Trevor Mills(Chair), David Watson, Steve Harding, Dawn Dziurzynski, Barbara Babb, Lucy Dignam, Richard Watson, Roger Walter, Kevin Lobb, Marie Douglas.

1. Apologies: Tom Lloyd, Sam Harding, Shirley Tilley, Jenny Warrington.
2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

3. Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda:

The Secretary had investigated repairing the projector. It is seven years old and cannot be returned to the original supplier for repair. It can be sent away with the minimum cost being £54 plus postage. It was agreed that this be not pursued at the moment and the Secretary to investigate the cost of a new system including loop system and Wi-Fi.

4. Correspondence:

None.

5. Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer had provided a summary of the latest financial position. On the village hall account the March/April bill have been issued. An insurance refund of £186.09 has been received. The final water bill for the old hall was £168.64. £178.04 had been paid to Nisbets for chopping boards, jugs and salt and pepper pots, material for the new tablecloths had been purchased. The electricity price has been agreed with Eon @13.52p per kWh and the first bill of £286.87 had been paid. On the new village hall account the reimbursements of £207.5601 had been made to Trevor Mills for the purchase of a small urn, a kettle and scissors, and £106.13 for the cost of the opening celebration.

Current balances stand at £109,174.38 for the village hall and £7,215.95 for the New Village Hall Fund.

6. New Community Hall:

The Secretary has received the legal documentation for the sale of the old hall and the purchase of the land for the new hall. It was agreed that as the new owner of the old hall did not want the documents that they be offered to the History Group and the Devon Records Office.

A quote had been received from KJR for the provision of a dishwasher for £4,196.40. This had followed a demonstration of the equipment at the rugby club and an onsite inspection of the kitchen. Some electrical and plumbing work will be necessary. It was proposed by Roger, seconded by Dave and agreed unanimously that it be purchased and the work to go ahead.

The seeding of the open area has been delayed. It has been necessary to remove large pieces of concrete that remained from the former adventure area. The ground is very stony and will require a stonepicker to be used on the school site and the amenity field. This is planned for August, when the seeding can take place afterwards. The fencing will take place after the seeding when a mechanical post borer will be hired.

Chairman's Initials

The preschool reported that, on occasions, they were having to sweep the floor before the start of the day. Representatives of the users were requested to remind their groups of the need to leave the hall in a tidy condition after use. They are also to remind them of the locking up procedures and that sufficient people are trained in what to do. Trevor is to make enquiries of a professional cleaning company on the options and costs for them to carry out some all cleaning work so that the long term arrangements can be considered. There is a plague of various insects in the building, probably from overwintering in the building. The Secretary is to enquire of Pearce as to the likely continuance of this and any action that should be taken.

The Secretary reported that snagging works would be undertaken towards the end of the defects liability period. It was agreed that the electrician be asked to advise on an outside light for the porch. The parish council have arranged for a signpost to be erected at the entrance to Hillpark.

The shelving in the kitchen cupboard is not fully stable. Trevor is to obtain some additional shelves so that they can be stacked to better distribute the weight. Also Trevor will obtain some eyes so that the hall can be decorated without the use of blutack and sellotape.

7. Fundraising and Future Events:

The Cider Stroll will take place on 10 June. It is the same walk as last year but in reverse. Arrangements for the day were agreed. John Vernon had contacted Dawn offering a discounted rate to play on his only available date of 22 July. It was agreed to accept his offer and to arrange a dance with food for that evening. Brenda Mills has offered to do the catering for the 'Postman Poet' entertainment on 17 November and this was accepted. Dave Watson suggested a possible further event and will find out details.

8. Any other business:

Shirley has been approached by people considering possible new activities to use the hall. The Secretary will contact her regarding these.

9. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 28 June 2017.

The meeting closed at 10.25 p.m.

Signed..... Date.....