

Buckland Brewer Village Hall Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2017

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

1. Apologies: George Tilley, Kevin Lobb, Jenny Warrington.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

3. Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda:

The Secretary reported that he had contacted the Elections Service regarding compensation for the pre-school, but had not received a response.

4. Correspondence:

The Secretary read a Letter from Alex Dziurzynski resigning from the committee. Jane Lowe had sent an email reminding the committee for the parish website and the ability to publicise the hall and events. The Elections Service have been in contact regarding the delivery and storage of polling booths.

5. Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer had provided a summary of the latest financial position. Dawn presented the report in his absence. On the village hall account the net proceeds, after deduction of auction and legal fees of £90,802 had been received. A grant of £6,800 from Torridge District Council, being part of Cllr. Hicks New Homes Bonus monies, towards the purchase of tables, chairs, crockery and cutlery had now been received. The Lloyds Foundation had paid a grant of £400 in respect of Kevin's time spent on the hall. The secretary agreed to write, thanking them for the donation. The final Eon invoices for the old hall were £258.21. £8030.23 had been paid to Nisbets for the tables, chairs, crockery, cutlery, trollies and other equipment. On the new village hall account the reimbursements of £451.01 had been made to Steve Harding for the purchase of notice boards, cooker splashback, soap and towel dispensers and other items for the new hall.

Current balances stand at £109,551.10 for the village hall and £7,939.16 for the New Village Hall Fund.

6. New Community Hall:

The licence for new hall has been approved, but a copy has not yet been received. The Finance sub-committee will need to review our hire agreement to encompass the requirements of the licence. Hiring charges from September will also need to be reviewed.

The notice board has been refurbished and, following discussion, will be attached to the wall by the main door. The new notice board to be erected by the church needs planning permission. The pre-school have asked permission to attach a 'sail' to the building to provide shade in the outside area. This was agreed provided it is attached securely into the crossbeams. It was agreed to provide Zumba with a key to the side door so that it can be opened if the hall is too hot. The purchase of a floor cleaner was discussed, but it was felt that we should investigate the cost of contract cleaning before any decision is made. The purchase of a dishwasher was discussed, but the electricity supply will need to be checked. Trevor will obtain a quote for the supply and fitting of a dishwasher.

Chairman's Initials

The Secretary was asked to enquire when snagging works would be undertaken. It was also requested that an outside light for the porch be provided as sometimes it was difficult to see when opening and locking up. The secretary reported that the solicitor had advised that a licence for the school to use the car park would be the best way forward and would probably be required by Devon CC. The application for the Feed in Tariff needs to be made by an authorised individual and it was agreed to authorise Kevin for this purpose.

Discussion took place on the Opening Celebration. Pearl Vanstone will officially open the hall and cut the ribbon and the Rev. Bill Blakey has agreed to attend and give a speech. The opening is at 2pm and set-up will take place at 10am. The possibility of planting a commemorative tree was discussed, however it is now the wrong season and will be reconsidered as part of the opening of the Garden Produce and Handicraft show in September.

7. Fundraising and Future Events:

The Cider Stroll is programmed for 3 June, but this clashes with the Bradworthy one, so it was agreed to postpone it to 10 June. A Garden Produce and Handicraft Show will now take place on 2 September, rather than being part of the Fete. A show on the 'Postman Poet' has been booked for 17 November.

8. Any other business:

It was agreed to purchase an additional but smaller urn and a large kettle. With the purchase of new tables there are not enough tablecloths. Dawn has researched what is available and it was agreed to purchase yellow sufficient yellow gingham to cover all tables. Steve reported that the projector is not working and will look at the possibility of repairing it.

9. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 24 May 2017.

The meeting closed at 10.21 p.m.

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