

# Whimble Victory Hall

Minutes of the meeting of the Trustees held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2007.

Present

Arthur Iball	Vice Chairman
George Begent	Treasurer
Alison Creasy	Representative Whimble School
Vicky Clough	Representative Pre-school and Toddlers
Ian Hardcastle	Representative History Society
Danny Bratt	Representative VPA
Sylvia Broom	Elected member
Bob Scanlan	Elected Member (temporary minute taker)
John Williams	Elected Member

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman took the chair and opened the meeting by expressing his deep regret at the untimely death of Raymond Burrough our President. Bob read out a letter that the Chairman had sent to Margaret on behalf of the Trustees extending our condolences and our appreciation for the tremendous support that Raymond had given to the work of this committee.

There was a minute's silence.

## 1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from John Discombe, Pam Scanlan, Lis Roberts, David Rastall, and Fiona Randall

## 2. Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2006 were agreed as correct and signed by the Vice Chairman.

## 3. Matters arising:

### 3.1.1 Christmas soup and sarnie

Bob read out a note from John Discombe - This proved to be a very successful event. The food and the service were excellent and he said that he conveyed his heartfelt thanks to all those who were involved in making it so successful. He gave a special mention to Myrtle who made our Soup 'n' Sarnie aprons. George confirmed that this event raised £280 for hall funds.

### 3.1.2 School shed

Having spoken to the Headmistress John D had found that Compton garages have a local outlet at St. Bridget's Nursery at Countess Wear. He had spoken to the planners and planning permission will be required. Apparently Compton will organise planning and erection as part of their service. The Headmistress has been informed and we await her response.

### 3.1.3 Oak trees

John D has heard nothing further from Simon Major and will need to follow this up to obtain a written quotation.

#### 3.1.4 Tables

The new tables have arrived and are stored in the wooden shed. A number of the old wooden trestles have been removed from the shed and given to the young farmers. The Parish Council agreed that the money that had been allocated to us could be used to help pay for these. We need to invoice the WI for one table.

#### 3.1.5 Grant Applications

Vicky Clough was researching the availability of grants to help with the proposed building and renovation work. She had obtained application forms from Devon Community Council and Gemini Radio Trust and intended to approach the Coop community fund and others. It was recognised that Vicky would need help to complete these applications.

#### 3.1.6 Use of industrial cleaners

We need to approach some companies to obtain quotations for a thorough clean during the next school holidays to see if this is a viable option.

#### 3.1.7 Next working party

It was agreed that the next priority would be cleaning and redecoration of the billiard room. This would have to wait until after the pantomime at the end of February so a date will need to be agreed at our next meeting on 19<sup>th</sup>. February.

#### 3.1.8 Water Board

The leak in the water pipe to the boiler has resulted in huge water charges. George has contacted the water board and successfully argued a reduction of approximately £4000, which has eliminated the outstanding debt. The trustees expressed their appreciation to George.

#### 3.1.9 Down-pipe at the back of the hall

This has not yet been attended to but John Discombe has said he hoped to get it done within the next few weeks.

#### 3.1.10 Heater for the hot water in the billiard room.

Jason O'Dell has replaced the heater, the old cupboard and work surface. Vicky said this was a great improvement.

#### 3.1.11 Face microphone

Bob explained that there were some difficulties with the tie-clip microphone used with our radio microphone as it sometimes caused loud feedback. He was exploring the cost of obtaining an alternative type of microphone, which would ease the problem. The cost of the correct model for our equipment was £85, which seems expensive so he is experimenting with some cheaper alternatives.

#### **4. Maintenance:**

John W had nothing new to report.

There was a discussion about the need to find the leak in the pipe to the boiler room. It was agreed that no attempt at a repair would be made at the moment. Ian would attempt to find the route of the pipe.

John W suggested that the suitability of the valve that had been inserted to stop the leak in the boiler room pipe should be checked. George confirmed that Jason O'Dell had inspected it and said that it was OK.

Vicky was unsure whether the problem of water on the floor of the billiard room toilets had been fully solved and would monitor it over the next few days

#### **5. Correspondence:**

Other than John's letter to Margaret Burrough, there was no correspondence to report.

#### **6. Treasurer's Report:**

Current account balance	£ 543.65
-------------------------	----------

Deposit account balance	£ 11291.72
-------------------------	------------

Sales invoices up to November	£ 6425.60
-------------------------------	-----------

The payment from Devon County Council for the Schools use of the Hall due at the beginning of January has not yet been received.

Outstanding debts are being followed up.

#### **7. Booking Secretary's report:**

Fiona had told George that bookings were broadly unchanged.

#### **8. Any Other Business:**

A provisional date of 20<sup>th</sup> January was set for the next Soup and Sarnie

#### **9. Date of next meeting: 19<sup>th</sup> February 2007 in the billiard room.**

The meeting closed @ 8.10 pm.