

Whimple Victory Hall

Minutes of the meeting of the Trustees held on 11th January 2010.

Present

John Discombe	Chairman (Representative Parish Council)
Arthur Iball	Vice Chairman (Representative over 60's)
Pam Scanlan	Secretary
David Myers	Treasurer
Alison Tierney	Bookings Secretary
Rachel Owen	Representative W I
Jude Carter	Representative Pre school
Maria Wallis	Representative Whimple School
Margaret Bucknell	Representative Hist Soc
Adrian Williams	Representative VPA
Bob Scanlan	Elected Member
John Williams	Elected Member

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Vicky Clough, George Begent, David Rastall and Cathy McLauchlan.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2009 were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman. This was proposed by Maria Wallis and seconded by John Williams.

3.1 Matters arising:

3.1.1 Insulation/Grants: Nothing to report

3.1.2 Website: Nothing to report

3.1.3 Electrical work: Much of the work that has been done by the contractor for Eaglerock satisfies the majority of our requirements, but a further inspection will be necessary at a later date.

3.1.4 Fence repair: This has still to be completed. Brian Carter to be reminded.

Action JD

3.1.5 Soup 'n 'sarnie; Thanks to all who helped. 28th Nov. raised £237.85p

19th Dec. raised £395.91p *

*As this included £136 for the raffle, and £40 for the "name the bear", it was agreed that the charge should be raised for next year.

3.1.6 Screening of storage unit: The plans have been marked to show the position of the plants. The letter should go to EDDC this week.

Action JD

3.1.7 Stage entrance steps: These are ready for final assembly.

Action JD

3.1.8 Downpipe: Drainwizard quoted £420 for an inspection prior to quoting for the work to be done. It was therefore decided to use Meadowbrook who will quote after a free inspection.

3.2 Further matters arising.

The young farmers have yet to be contacted about decorating the hall. This work will now have to be done during the Easter holidays.

Action PLS

4. Correspondence:

Nothing received since last meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Buildings and maintenance account	£11121.90
Current account	£ 21.46
Deposit account	£17357.00
Outstanding invoices	£ 357.22
Sales up to 31.12.09	£ 12901.49

DM has written to all the organisations advising there would be no rent increase for the next year.

DM then tabled a paper headed "a sinking fund for the future". This explained the need for a sinking fund to enable money to be transferred to a separate account for major works and the eventual replacement of the hall. After discussion, the proposal to open such an account was made by DM, seconded by JD and unanimously agreed.

6. Maintenance report:

- As the current building project has now been completed, it is appropriate to disband the Buildings subcommittee. This was proposed by JD, seconded by DM and unanimously agreed.
- JD then proposed that a Property Maintenance subcommittee should be established and should consist of the members of the buildings subcommittee (i.e. JW,RJS,JD,DM and GB) plus any of the other Trustees who wish to be involved. The proposal was seconded by DM and unanimously agreed.
- The steel guttering on the south side of the building needs renewing. JW agreed to get quotes for the work.
Action JW
- A new bulb has been fitted in the light at the top of the school steps.
- The light under the canopy needs a new bulb.
- RJS reported that the building work is now complete. £20K had been paid up front on a contract costing £26.5K. After correspondence with the builder, the final payment has been agreed at £2698. It was proposed by RJS that this account should now be paid, provided that all keys were returned and that the builder signed a full and final settlement letter. This was seconded by JD and unanimously agreed.

7. Booking Secretary's report:

- Bookings are already good for next year.
- The booking form needs to be re-written.
- Men's keep fit and the yoga classes have both finished.

8. Any other Business:

- The work to extend the Sandfords surgery building will start at the end of Feb and last for 16 weeks. The surgery will remain open during March and April, but will be closed for May and June. There will be minimum numbers of workmen's vehicles on site, and the first three parking places on the left of the car park will be fenced off for use by the builders. Parking arrangements will remain as at present after the work is completed. Photos of the car park will be taken before work commences in case of any damage.
- The VPA has issued a challenge to all organisations in the village to make a scarecrow to be entered in a competition on the day of their show. It was agreed in principle that the Hall will submit an entry!

9. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 1st March at 7.30pm

The meeting finished at 8.34pm