



Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday 12th January, 2015

PRESENT

Committee:

Karl Jenkins (KJ) – Chairman
Carolyn Frostwick (CF) – Treasurer
Amy Hayward-Paine (AHP) - Secretary

Public:

Joy Brankin-Frisby (JBF)
David Tuffs (DT)

1. Apologies for Absence

Tim Gidley-Wright (TGW) – PC Representative
Jane Boulter (JB) – Pre-School Representative
Bill Barrie (BB)
Georgina Hardman-Ward did not attend

2. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented a set of accounts for the year to date. We are currently showing a deficit of £3,109. However, we still haven't received rent from Pre-School for three terms now and this is over £2000. GHW has been asked to supply with copy invoices for those already issued and new invoices to bring the position up to date.

Other booking receipts are also down on previous years.

The Treasurer also provided a statement of the income and expenses for the Christmas Event, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes. The evening resulted in a small surplus of £73. The Committee are very grateful for the generosity of sponsors – The Nevill Arms and Pendimo whose donations to the cost of the tree and lights were much appreciated.

3. Approval of Minutes from December meeting

Approved by KJ and seconded by CF

4. Matters arising from November meeting

KJ highlighted that FOC compost still available in the Village Hall grounds.
David Tuffs to cut six keys, not just the four as discussed in the December meeting.
CF confirmed that a gas Smart Meter would be fitted in the next couple of weeks, which will avoid the need for the gas company coming to Medbourne to take readings in the future.

5. Events

Quiz

CF will not be able to set this up for February. The Committee felt it was still viable if it could be organised and did not clash with anything at the Sports Club.



The logo for Medbourne Village Hall features a decorative green flourish at the top. Below it, the word "MEDBOURNE" is written in a large, green, serif font. Underneath "MEDBOURNE", the words "VILLAGE HALL" are written in a smaller, grey, sans-serif font, with each letter spaced out.

Art and photography exhibition

KJ suggested this might be popular as the village is visited by a number of artists during the course of the year. Following a similar event some years ago, DT will get contact details of someone who might be able to help with this to the Committee.

Model Railway event

DT thought the Model Railway Society may be interested in hosting another event in May and will confirm this.

Christmas present swap with soup

CF suggested next January perhaps we could run a present swap and combine it with a soup event.

Christmas Card delivery

AHP suggested organising a Christmas card delivery fundraiser whereby residents drop off their village Christmas cards on a set day (or days) in December and pay a nominal charge for them to be delivered – rather like the Scout Post. The Committee and JBF thought this could work well and could be investigated for December.

Food event

AHP suggested that one larger event may work better than several small events and asked the Committee to consider a 'Food and Drink' festival, hosted in the VH in the summer. JBF confirmed that the food and drink area at the Harborough Arts Fresco event was really popular and hosted from the VH could generate some significant income.

JBF to speak to her contact to get further information and AHP to speak to Matt Wright from the Great Food magazine for some insights and contacts.

Craft day

After seeing an article in Rutland Life about Christmas crafting, AHP suggested a session in the Winter. This would involve upcycling materials to create expensive looking tags and decorations. AHP to investigate and come back with costings.

Film night

KJ wants more film nights to be planned. KJ to investigate.

Curry Night

JBF told the Committee that Curry Nights in Wilbarston VH were a popular event and a good fundraiser. The Committee feedback that the VH kitchen would not support the cooking of food so would have to be done in people's houses. Could be a good event if committee were prepared to prep the food at home. This could be investigated.

6. Maintenance and Repairs

DT confirmed that Tim Politio has installed the new drain.
CF to chase the gas boiler service.

7. Website update and Bookings Status

AHP has drafted a hard copy of the booking form and has passed this to BB for comment / feedback. He is looking at this and also the Terms and Conditions based on his past VH booking experiences.



BB is investigating the online booking system with a view to starting the one month free trial. CF needs clarification of how automatic payments for bookings will be shown in the Current Account if the system is taken up. AHP to ask BB to clarify this with HallMaster.

JBF pointed out that the system would be viable as long as bookings increased in return. AHP thought this would be the case following three recent booking queries via email that could have been booked online, removing the need for personal intervention.

AHP has made a number of updates to the VH website, including removing the 'donate now' buttons as previously agreed. The updates made have avoided additional costs to do this by the website company.

8. AOB

Pre-School

CF confirmed that the Pre-School will definitely be moving to Bringhurst, date to be confirmed. This will have a negative impact on a regular income stream for the VH.

Heritage Lottery Fund

DT gave an update on the Heritage Lottery Funding stream.

Dave Tyler has been in contact with Rockingham Village Hall Committee and can arrange a viewing of the Hall. It was proposed that this could take place in the spring when the evenings are lighter and we could see the outside area.

DT flagged that the Heritage Lottery Fund would insist on a paid project manager however this could help secure funding.

Need to do some more planning before we can submit plans – KJ. CF concerned that the Heritage Lottery fund 'pot' would only be available for a limited time but DT confirmed this is not the case.

Broadband

DT also gave an update about Broadband provision in the Village.

Gigaclear will install broadband for free in the VH for first year if over 35% of the Welland Valley move from BT Broadband to its service. There is normally a £100 connection fee plus £38 per month line rental – so around a saving of £660 in year one. There is an expectation however that the VH would commit to the monthly fee of £38.30 thereafter.

KJ asked if this would be set in stone (fee) and usage limit. DT confirmed there would be no usage limit.

Committee would need to sign an order form to secure it. DT suggested KJ actions this – either signing up online or telephone call. KJ to inform the Doctors when / if we install broadband and there could be a cost saving. We need confirmation from Gigaclear that we would have to definitely commit for one year.

AHP has updated the Calendar of events, which now includes Committee meetings annual events.

9. Public Question Time

No questions from the public.

Joy Brankin-Frisby attended the meeting and told the Committee that she would be interested in joining this year. AHP stated that more members would relieve the pressure on the rest of the Committee for events and other activities. KJ will put Joy joining the Committee to a vote at the next meeting when there are more members in attendance.



10. Date and time of next meeting

Monday 9th February 2015, 7.30pm.

The meetings for the forthcoming year have been confirmed, taking place later in the month to allow a Report into the Parish Magazine each month. Proposed dates are:
9th February; 16th March; 20th April; 18th May; 15th June; 20th July; 21st September; 19th October; 16th November; 14th December. Availability need to be checked with GHW.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.