

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 20th July 2015

PRESENT

Committee: Karl Jenkins (KJ) – Chairman Amy Hayward-Paine (AHP) - Secretary Bill Barrie (BB) - Bookings Rebekah Budenberg (RB) – Pre-School representative Lyn Easton (LE) PC Representative

Public: Tom and Ann Price Gary Chisholm, 1st Welland Valley Scouts

- 1. Apologies for Absence Jane Boulter
- 2. Approval of June Minutes Approved by KJ and CF. The Minutes of the May Minutes were also approved by KJ and CF
- 3. Actions from last meeting No actions

4. Treasurers Report

The Social Evening on 9th July proved popular with takings of £370. The wine cost £179 with promotional material costing around £100.

Preschool have recently paid another term's rent of £840 and are now up to date. The summer terms fees will be paid in September.

Tiddlywinks have paid another cash sum totalling £84.18. However, we need to sort out the invoices for them as we accepted that they were up to date as at 31 May. We need to agree what they are paying for and ensure that all sessions are accounted for.

The accounts show a surplus for the year to date of \pounds 1476.00. We have a balance of \pounds 5744.50 in the current account with \pounds 30,490 in the deposit account.

There was a discussion around the deficit from Tiddlywinks. AHP spoke with the group on the last Monday of the summer term and highlighted the need for a regular income after collecting monies due since May 2015. It was suggested that someone from the group should attend a meeting to allow the VH committee to discuss the weekly £18 hire fee. The VH Hall need to prepare a monthly invoice and seek confirmation of who has the key. It was flagged that a representative from Tiddlywinks does not attend the VH committee meetings and it was suggested that it would be beneficial to both parties if this happened more regularly.

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5. Events

Meet the Neighbours

There was a discussion around the event. It was thought the wine measures were generous thus reducing the potential amount of money that could be raised. Although it was a good PR exercise for the Hall, we need to be raising as much money as possible. Worth adding to the calendar of regular events.

Queen's 90th birthday

LE flagged that there will be celebrations next year for the Queen's 90th birthday (May 2016). If we start planning now it could be a viable event, for instance as a street party in the VH grounds.

Food Festival

AHP told the committee that although exploratory emails to local producers had returned positive feedback, there was not really enough commitment to make the event viable. AHP suggested the event be postponed until next year when a sub-committee could help manage the event. This was agreed; AHP to contact those that had shown interest.

Scout event -

Gary Chisholm flagged that the Scouts were putting on an event, AyeUpMeDuck, on Sunday 23rd August (see details below). He suggested that if the Food and Drink event does not take place the committee could ask the producers if they would like to attend the Scout event. AHP to include this in her communication.

Wine Safari – 19th September

AHP reported that although the tickets have only just gone on sale, there has been a good level of interest for this event. AHP to keep the committee up to date.

<u>Christmas Tree lighting – 5th December</u>

As this is an annual event, plans need to be firmed up soon. An initial discussion highlighted the need for there to be a bigger countdown and perhaps a choir. Gary flagged that the Scouts might be holding a service the same day so the parents would be able to come afterwards. In terms of a choir, this is something that Tim Gidley-Wright showed interest in before – could he get involved this year?

Ann Price suggested there could be a Beetle Drive (or snowman themed?) beforehand with the winner turning on the lights. Instead of the caterers last year, could we approach the Nevill Arms to supply burgers etc?

Halloween

The Scouts will be hosting a Halloween party on 29th October. This can be opened up to the village.

Shopping evening

AHP to speak to Tim Gidley-Wright about his contact who organised this at Great Easton VH last year.

Pop up curry

AHP and Caroline Jack have a contact who runs a pop-up restaurant. AHP to come back to the committee with details.

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Vinal record evening

CF suggested that we could host a special vinal record evening and will bring more details to the next meeting.

6. Maintenance and Repairs

Tile – KJ getting a quote for ridge tile.

Extension plans – plans being created at the moment. Current quote is £30,000. Need to look at grants to support any works going forward. KJ is looking into some Grant schemes and will report back. Heritage Grant funding is an option.

Constitution needs to be confirmed and signed. AHP and CF to look and see what is in the records and if agreed this needs to be signed.

Fence – Trustees are happy that fence is moved. Need dates confirmed as any new tenant is likely to be living there soon. Planning needed to remove tree. Scouts may be able to help! KJ to do the paperwork.

7. Bookings update

Couple of cancellations recently and it was agreed that there needs to be a cancellation fee for significant bookings. Need to change the booking form regarding free sessions – this is not applicable anymore. Reduced rates are more applicable. The Committee to discuss the fee structure for clarity going forward.

8. Scouts

Gary Chisholm, leader of the newly re-formed 1st Welland Valley Scouts attended the meeting and thanked the committee for its ongoing support.

Due to the ongoing popularity of the group, he asked the committee for an additional Tuesday evening from 2nd September.

Forthcoming events include: AyeUpMe Duck $- 23^{rd}$ August. Camp $2^{nd} - 4^{th}$ October, Viking theme

Gary is also seeking confirmation of whether they can do overnight bookings, with one specifically in December. CF to look into this.

AOB

No items

9. **Public Question Time**

No questions from the public

10. **Date of next meeting** Monday 21st September 2015. 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm