

New Parish Hall Committee

Minutes of 24 January 2008

Present: Claire Ray, Vic Cornell, Margaret Hersey, Ed Chamberlain, Reg Burningham, Jan Harris and Bill Langler.

Apologies: Bryan Clatworthy

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed, Vic proposed them, Ed seconded them and they were passed and signed.

Matters Arising: Bill told us that the electrical supply is still not complete, due to a defective pole in someone else's land, the suppliers have billed us for the work and we have paid, so there won't be any more to pay after the job is finished and we are connected.

Other Business: Claire is getting quotes for car park signs for the gate into the site from a couple of sources. The management committee will pay for them since they are in charge of the running of the village hall. Claire told us that we have a really lovely notice board, ex British Rail, ready to go in place, which has been renovated by Bill Hersey. Discussion next centred on the wording of the notice for the car park, and on plans for the grand opening of it on Monday 28th January.

Site Hut: It could do with moving and also it would benefit from a coat of paint; a) to make it less startlingly eye catching, and b) to preserve it. A unanimous vote passed the motion that it should be moved and painted green, and that the digger should clear the ground for the garden while it is on the site.

Site Drainage: Ed said that we have to do percolation tests to prove that we can have soakaways, and what size and depth they are going to be, and that then they have to be designed and approved. More detailed discussion on this followed. Once the position of the soakaways is known then trees and other planting can be done.

Claire reminded Jan that there were still hedging plants to be planted before the growing season started, Jan said that she had not forgotten.

Problems of drainage of the waste from the building on the site were discussed and Bill told us that it would have to be served by septic tanks, or else pumped.

Dates for your diaries: The meeting with Gill Grey (funding) will have to be re-arranged, as she has phoned to say she can't make it.

On Sunday February 10th the Brownies are doing an event in the Village Hall at 3o'clock; a tea party with games for children and grown-ups, proceeds to go towards the new hall.

Sunday March 2nd is another 'Meet the Team' day.

On Friday March 14th there is an Antiques evening to raise funds, which will be run by the Flower and Produce group.

Fund raising activities: Vic said that he can't do a wassail at the moment because the barn is in use during the winter months, but in the summer it is not used and could be available. So he suggests that the wassail could be converted into a summer barn dance.

Claire would like to do a choir festival, she thinks the church would be the perfect place in which to do it. It would have to be spread over several evenings with each category; men's, women's, children's, mixed, on a separate night, and then a final, with a cup going to the best choir. If we are all agreed that it would be a really good idea then she would approach the rector, and explore the idea further.

A car boot sale could be profitable, the trustees will have to be asked about this.

Treasurer's report: There is £31,500 in the capital fund. John Brown's bill for £7,760 has been paid, which was reported last month. No money has come in. There is £4.77 in the project fund.