# ISLE ABBOTTS VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 16th November at the Village Hall

Present: David Sutcliffe, Maureen Boyman, Emily Watts, Tim Westwood, Janet Smith

- 1. Apologies Susan Vickery, Mandy Hughes
- 2. Minutes of committee meeting 17th August 2016 approved.
- 3. Matters arising from the minutes of 17th August 2016

**Shed Roof.** As this has been ongoing it was decided that it was now becoming an urgent issue and needed attention before the winter, it was agreed that Mervyn Vickery would be approached and the work carried out. It was suggested the roof would need re-felting.

Sign on Gate Now in place.

Grass now being cut by Roger Boyman.

**Village Questionnaire** MB had received the collated copies from CCS and went through the questionnaire in detail, as only 17 out of 86 questionnaires were returned (which was a disapointment) the committee felt this wasn't a true valuation of the community and little could be gleaned. On the questionnaires returned the overall content was of a positive nature.

Hallmark Now most likely April '17 due to maternity leave./

**Playgroup** TW explained he had been trying for several weeks to return County Council funding with no success. He was unable to finalize the closure at present.

**New Chairs** DS confirmed 40 new chairs have been ordered, no delivery date as yet. The chairs to be stacked in the storeroom with the tables. The old plastic chairs to be stored in the shed once the roof has been felted. MB suggested Roger could move the shelving to the right of the storeroom.

**Renewals** PRS/PPL invoice pending DS

The smoke/heat alarm batteries were renewed were/are renewed in JULY MB

**Village Hall Rates** As discussed at the previous meeting DS recommended we review the village hall hire rates. DS detailed rates in surrounding villages and proposed we drop the current Winter/Summer differential and have one flat rate.

Voted and passed.

The rate per hour to be £7.50 Villagers £9.50 Non villagers. Voted and passed.

New rates for extended use i.e. 4 to 8 hours £50 Villagers £75 Non villagers Voted and passed.

Full day charges Should be negotiated (£100 guideline) £100 Villagers £150 Non villagers Voted and passed.

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New rates to come into effect 1st February 2017. DS did suggest there maybe <u>room for negotiation</u> with hirers. Some flexibility and diplomacy may be helpful.

**Cleaning of the Hall** MB suggested we add a spring clean of the hall to the February renewals as this has not been carried out this year. it was also proposed a cleaning rosta be put in place, starting 1st January.

Tasks Dust, De-cobweb, Clean hall floor (USING WATER ONLY - NO DETERGENT)

Toilets, Kitchen floor, sinks, and Fridge.

**Proposed Rosta** 

January EW April JS
February DS May TW
March MB June SV

Signs of mice have been found in the kitchen and bait has been laid.

**T.V.** We have a TV that was kindly donated 3 years ago in storage. It was suggested it may be used in the hall for DVD's etc. We need to find out the cost and implications of this and if it would be economically viable.

DS to investigate.

**Coffee & Chat** EW reported that the monies from this regular coffee morning would be donated to the Village Hall with the exception of the occasions when a particular charity has been nominated for a special event. No hall hire charges,

**Choir Report** DS. Proving very popular, 31 singers at the last meeting. A busy time of the year with various carol services, a date at the Barrington Boar to help towards raising money for a de-fibulater for Barrington.

**Bookings Report** EW detailed several bookings including the Big Breakfast, quiz night, a childrens party as well as the choir bookings.

## **Social Committee Report**

Programme of Events 2017 Wednesday 8 Feb Driftwood workshop 10.00-12.30

Wednesday 8 Mar Origami Evening 19.00-21.30

Wednesday 10 May Flower Demonstration 10.30-12.30

Sunday 16 June Village Show

TBA Oct Harvest Lunch 12.30-15.00

Saturday 11 Nov Chinese Evening 19.00-23.30

Tuesday 21 NovWire Modelling 10.00-15.00

David Sutcliffe's did a interesting talk on "Winter Customs" on November 4th

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A night of "Pig Racing" to be held on 19th November.

Sue Vickery and Helen Toone have joined the Social Committee.

**Treasurers Report** Purchase of the new chairs,DS explained that we had 3 types of chair to try. After consultation with hall users, a chair was chosen for comfort and practical reasons as they fitted with our existing tables. 40 chairs have now been ordered.

Income in the last 3 months £1,098.45 Expenses £1,548.97

Balance of general a/c at 16th November 2016 £3,155.29

 Trust Reserve A/c
 £2,622.92

 Repairs A/c
 0.00

 Chairs A/c
 £1,590.00

Secretary's Report JS Confirmed letter to Sue Derrick (re lawn cutting)

Letter to Somerset Local Authorities' Civil Contingencies Unit (re use of

village Hall in an emergency)

Confirmed official letter of closure of playgroup received.

## **Any other Business**

MB Brought to the attention of the Committee that Mr & Mrs Knott who live next to the Village Hall are moving their oil tank and shed. They will also be making repairs to their wall this will not incur any expense to the Village Hall.

Dates for Village Hall Committee Meeting for 2017:

Wednesday 8th February 2017 Wednesday 17th May 2017 Wednesday 16th August 2017 Wednesday 15th November 2017

## **Items for next Agenda**

Health Lifestyle for 50+ Community Leisure Yeovil.

TW agreed to Chair next meeting Date of next meeting 8th February 2017.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Chairperson's signature		Date
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