

TINGEWICK VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING:

MINUTES FOR 6th JULY 2015.

Present: David Partridge Zoe Moorhouse
Carol Thurlby Colin Whitton

Apologies: Pete Chamberlain Ed Maxwell

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Lettings: Community Café – Carol was present in an advisory capacity and not as a member of the Committee

1. Agreed
2. **Proposed: Carol Thurlby Seconded: Zoe Moorhouse**

MATTERS ARISING:

Chairman's Report:

The refurbished bench should be back in place in the next few weeks.

Secretary's Report:

Wren Application: 2 additional letters of support had been received.
The new electric meter was installed.

Treasurer's Report:

The end of month balance for June was £174.81. The main contributions for June were: £220 donation* from the Finmere Football Club (assisted by the Royal Oak) race night and £97 from the Fete crockery smash.

* A thank-you was placed in the Tingewick News.

Lettings Report:

The Community Café is to commence in September. It was agreed that the Village Hall would make a donation of £50 to assist with the start-up of the Café.

Maintenance:

Shrubs/Bus Shelter: A visit to Buckingham Garden Centre resulted in the attached proposal. At around £210 (fertiliser & compost extra) it was considered acceptable and that we should go-ahead. The Horticultural Society to be contacted regarding the planting of the plants when purchased (if not, Mr. Styles).

Main Door Lock: No further problems reported.

Scouts Shed: There has been no response to the email that was sent to the Scout Leader. A subsequent face-to-face discussion appears to have resulted in a minimal tidy-up but not the removal of a soapbox cart that has appeared.
Scout Leader to be requested to complete the tidy-up at the rear of their shed along with the removal of the soapbox by mid-September. Additionally, the group has been observed taking wooden poles into the Hall without apparently any due care and attention.

ACTION

DP

CT/CW

CW

CW

As a result of the lack of consideration and care that some hirers give to the Hall, its fabric and contents it was proposed that over the next couple of months “ an awareness campaign” will be instituted, using posters around the Hall.

CW

Car Park: Landscapers (Cartwright’s) while working in the school field dropped white lining paint on the Village Hall car park, making no attempt to clear it up. This remained on the car park for several days, with all and sundry walking round it, driving round it and totally ignoring it until it was cleared up by a member of the Village Hall Committee – by which time it had begun to harden making removal more difficult. The school were aware of the situation as they claimed to have contacted Cartwright’s regarding the spillage and requesting that it be cleared up - obviously feeling that they had no further obligation!
It was proposed that a bill be sent to Cartwright’s to cover the cost of the clean up.

CW

Embankment: The woodwork around the embank needs to be painted to improve its appearance. To be discussed at the next meeting when all are present.

Kitchen Floor: More areas have gone soft and spongy and are in need of attention. It was agreed that the time has come to repair/replace the complete kitchen floor.
Martin Hornsey to be requested to provide a quotation for the work. If the re-cladding Grant is successful it will probably be an advantage to carry out both floor renewal and re-cladding the kitchen corner at the same time, as this could provide an opportunity by exposing more of the affected area/s.

CW

Fund Raising:

The Chairman thanked all those involved with the crockery smash stall and Finmere F. C. for their recent fund raising efforts.

The possibility of a fund raising concert in December was discussed.

DP

Health & Safety:

Second quarter audit satisfactory – except for the emergency exit light over the kitchen door – does not function when mains power is off. Should be rectified when Abbotfire carry out their checks in August.

A solar light was installed at the emergency exit gate on the west side.

Any Other Business:

A discussion took place as to what is perceived to be the long-term future of the Village Hall. Currently repairs are being made to keep the Hall functioning in the short to medium term and eventually there may be very little room left to manoeuvre without major reconstruction – even if allowable. If the Grant for the re-cladding of the Hall was to be granted and carried out, the working life of the Hall will be prolonged – but for how long, what is the condition of the supporting structure?

Investigations previously undertaken to establish whether it was possible to construct a more “permanent” building were unsuccessful. However, it was decided that at the next committee meeting, a date will be set to hold an extraordinary meeting, the sole purpose of which will be to “brainstorm” and discuss the possible avenues that *may now* be available that will guarantee the Hall’s long future.

ALL

Next Meeting: Monday September 7th @ 8.00 pm

It had been previously agreed that there would be a summer break in August.

Improvement Fund Draw:

06.07.15	14	£5	T. Diston	Royal Oak
13.07.15	40	£25	E. Hawes	Newlands
20.07.15	13	£5	G. Jaffrey	4, West Well Close
27.07.15	41	£5	A. Hawkins	The Rise, Water Stratford Rd.
03.08.15	65	£5	Z. Moorhouse	Bethany
10.08.15	142	£25	S. Parsons	Hollyoak Cottage
17.08.15	91	£5	M. Bennett	Westward
24.08.15	131	£5	Not Won	December Bonus Draw
31.08.15	73	£5	A. Bone	Deeside

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

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