

**MINUTES of Hall Management Committee Meeting
held at the Village Hall on 26th January 2010**

Present; Stephen Trinder (Chairman), Nigel Grove,
Eddie Pilcher, Anna Szczeponek (Secretary)
Apologies: Matilda Oppenheimer

1 Work in Progress – electrics, curtains

ST reported that the electrician had installed new switchgear and circuit breakers and would be issuing a comprehensive certificate for all the electrics. There was concern that access would be needed to the electrical cupboard containing the fuses and keys would be issued to all users with advice on how to re-start the supply.

ST reported that the extra curtains and new tracks had been fitted and the account for these paid.

2 Insurance – hall and indemnity

NG has looked at alternative quotes and, although one is cheaper, it is not clear if the conditions are comparable. NG will contact Chiltern insurance brokers in Pangbourne and obtain quotes from them for both hall and indemnity cover.

The purchase of the hall by the PC fundamentally changes the basis of the previous Charity Commissioners deeds/schedule. This and the responsibilities of the management committee will be discussed at the next meeting.

3 Licence

NG has obtained a new licence for the hall at a fee of £35. EP said that the licensing laws had changed and that the onus was on the hall user to obtain a TEN licence to sell liquor. Up to 12 events p.a. of this kind were permitted under our licence.

4 New Business

ST proposed that an article be placed in the Bulletin to encourage people to use the newly refurbished hall. The

Committee Room might make a convenient and inexpensive meeting room for those working from home and, if feasible, internet connection might be installed.

5 Future Improvements

ST proposed that the Gents toilet might have an electric hand drier (as Ladies). NG will ask electrician the practicability and cost. The vanity unit in the Ladies is very outdated and ST will enquire the cost of a replacement.

It was also proposed that the toilet back stage might be converted for use by the disabled; a grant would be available for this purpose. EP drew attention to the limited space for access. ST to make enquiries about the requirements and cost.

ST suggested that an electric floor scrubber might be useful – perhaps secondhand ex SODC – but EP did not feel necessary at this stage. EP said that there were sufficient crockery, cutlery etc and did not consider that a dishwasher would be warranted at the likely cost and usage. ST proposed a larger new clock for the hall, moving the existing one to the committee room, and will research suitable model. Asked if speakers would be useful, EP said that most users brought their own equipment.

The two large wheeled recycling bins were not being emptied and were presently accumulating all manner of rubbish. ST to ask SODC.

6 Financial Report

NG reported that there was £ 3 300 in the bank. Partly due to the closure of the Dolphin Centre, there was an increase in income over 2008, which also included £ 2 000 from the PC and £ 60 from Verdant for breaking the manhole cover. NG said that it was still necessary for new mandates to be signed by additional committee members and he will arrange this.

7 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 27 April at 8.00 pm