

# Husthwaite Village Hall Committee

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at VH on Monday 12th October at 7.00pm

**Present:** Stephen Barker, Carol Fenwick, John Ovenston, Philip Hewitson, Lyn Colton, Jeremy Walker, Victoria Black

**Apologies:** Gila Robinson, Debbie Lewis-Green

In attendance : Lawrie Hill, Mary Hill

## 1. Minutes of the last meeting (Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September)

The minutes were accepted as a true record. Proposed: Carol Fenwick; Seconded: Philip Hewitson

## 2. Matters arising from previous minutes

**2.9 Advertisement board-** Board up and ready to be used. Along with the coming events there was a suggestion to advertise the number for hall hire bookings. **Action: Carol/ Events Committee**

**2.1 RAY-** Kathryn Chapman business planning meetings were successful with a total of 31 people over both sessions. Suggestion to hold a coffee morning in the hall and display 'presentation boards' of potential ideas brought forward from the meetings. This would be end of October or early November.

**2.2 Independent club plan and Key policy-** Philip to meet with June to discuss the handover of the bowls equipment, accounts and to clarify their intentions for the insurance of the equipment. Action: Philip Hewitson.

A full list of key holders will be revised after the AGM and the aim is to keep to a maximum of 10 keys within circulation.

**2.3 Rainwater tank-** Pump and system checked for any obvious problem. Further detail tests to be made. Issue to be followed up again with Twin Services **Action: John Ovenston**

**2.4 Village Amazon Account-** Philip said that the general assumption within the Committee was that the income for the village hall generated through the affiliate scheme was automatic. This is not the case and the transfer of funds to the village hall account was stopped during 2014. Within the last few weeks, transfer arrangements have been set up to credit the new 'Orchards' trust rather than the village hall with the income from the affiliate scheme and there is a new advertising push on the website and in the Newsletter to this effect.

Lawrie said that he had come to the meeting to discuss and explain the situation. There is still an account for the village and income can be spent on any club in the village as well as the Village Hall at his discretion. However, if the money was to be used in the hall, he said it wasn't to be used for utility bills or running costs, but instead for artefacts such as paintings and sculptures for the hall.

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## 3. Financial Report

Overall, balances show total cash/debtors funds of £11,993.02 as at 30th September 2015. The fund balances at the end of September show a decrease from August's month end balances (12,177.40) of £184.38 over the month. Receipts less payment totaled £6,515 and total receipts as of the 30<sup>th</sup> September were £12,991, concluding in a deterioration over the position at the end of August with a negative budget variance of £905 (August - £54) against that planned.

Event income has continued running a deficit, although this has worsened slightly on the position at the end of August as well as the deficit on hall hire also worsening and is now showing a deficit (£572) over the financial year. It was agreed to approach the Zumba and Yoga leaders with a view to sponsoring 6 sessions in the new year to try and revive interest in these classes. **Action: Philip Hewitson**

## 4. Building (development and maintenance)

- a) **Air Circulation System**- Committee reminded that HF Brown (Selby) - visited earlier and did a thorough estimation of requirements. Their quote is for £9,715 +VAT. With both their system kit quotes significantly lower, they are the preferred supplier. They are aware that they need to pay a further visit to confirm the correct fitting of the lower-priced Daikon equipment. Funds now need to be secured before proceeding. **Action: John Ovenston**
- b) **Hand Wash Basin (2.2)** - Quotes awaited from Jim Bleasdale (Easingwold), James Walker ( Zoe's Plumber) and Albany Gas and Plumbing ( Philip Contact). **Action: John Ovenston**
- c) **Window Openers**- They have been successfully installed and Native have confirmed payment of their agreed share of the bill.
- d) **Landscaping**- In conversation with Jane Maloney one of the directors of Husthwaite Orchard Village Ltd (Orchards of Husthwaite) she said that the scheme had not been rejected as such and suggested that Philip re-submit the landscaping drawings and the funding requirement for a meeting the new 'Orchards' group were having on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September, when she would try and raise the matter. Philip is still waiting for a response from this meeting. It was agreed that in view of the time that had passed since the grant request was submitted, the Building Group would be convened to review the quotations that had been received at the beginning of the year and try to come up with a way forward for the next meeting **Action: Philip Hewitson**

Jeremy offered to speak to a business contact about the landscaping scheme and would join the Building Group meeting discussion to report. **Action: Jeremy Walker**

## 5. Youth Club- Running successfully.

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6. **Parish Council Report**- the planning proposal for 20 houses to be built in the village has been passed. Anne Dowson's presentation morning to be confirmed for beginning of November in the village hall.
7. **AGM**- Set for 26<sup>th</sup> October. Jeremy to create leaflets and to be delivered to villagers' houses. **Action: Jeremy Walker**

## 8. Coming events

### Fixtures-

- 13<sup>th</sup> October- Area gardening club yearly talk
- 26<sup>th</sup> October- VHC AGM
- 30<sup>th</sup> October - *The Gift of Stones* (North Country Theatre)
- 29<sup>th</sup> November- Christmas village market
- 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2016- proposal to hold Burns Supper (TBC)

## 9. AOB

- 9.1.1 **Hall hire**- Sheila is happy to work with the VHC to promote hall hire and village hall as a party venue. RAY Website has links to chats and other groups where potential customers can be sought.

## 10. Next Meeting

9<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm