

**Dolton & Dowland
Village Hall Committee**
Registered Charity N° 300816

Minutes of the committee meeting held on Wednesday 26th July 2006 at 7:30pm.

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Also present were Hettie Sergeant and Peter Genge

1) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Rose Lock, John Lock, Shirley McCulloch. Roger Dunn had said he would be arriving late.

2) Minutes of the meeting held on 28th June 2006

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2006 had been circulated and with the addition that Viv Cotter had offered to run the tombola with Ann Coombs running a 20p children's tombola, were signed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

3) Matters arising

Sally Berkley Sage proposed that an event manager be required for each event. This was agreed by the committee.

British Telecom are waiting for a manual crew put in the new pole as the lorry won't fit up the drive.

4) Financial matters and Treasurer's report

We have received a bill from Pete Pearson for £440 for sundry repairs and renewals.

The paperwork making Nick Wood a signatory for the bank account has now been attended to.

5) Noise and Neighbours.

During discussion it was evident that a co-operative spirit exists, based on respect for the interests of the Rock Torrs (youth band) on the one hand and the neighbours on the other. Peter Genge accepted that he was the focus of responsibility for the Rock Torrs. He supervises them all the time they are in the hall unless he has to pop out for 10 minutes. He agreed that they would practise on Thursday and Friday nights only, which was understood to be acceptable to the Teales (whose absence from this meeting tended to confirm that) and generally. He also agreed that at all times the volume is to be kept to the lowest reasonably practicable level. The windows and doors are to be shut at all times while the band is playing

It was suggested that perhaps the Rock Torrs might assist with a fund-raising concert for double-glazed windows.

6) Improvements to the village hall.

The estimate presented by NDM Designs was discussed. Prices for the work appears to be rough estimates, whereas the prices for Nick Marsland's fees for his works in design, planning and site management were more precise, and agreed by the committee to be reasonable, if a little higher than the committee would like to spend. Nick Wood is to ask Nick Marsland if he is prepared to moderate these fees somewhat.

Grant applications were also discussed, but we don't seem able to proceed with these until we have planning in place. We therefore have to apply for planning permission as a priority.

7) Garden Party 29th July.

Sally's marquee is to be erected at 1 Church Close on Friday evening. At least six helpers required.

Ivor Williams's wife is hoping to be able to do a greeting cards stall.

The man doing the games tables has been contacted, and should be attending.

Viv Cotter to run the adults'senior tombola; and Ann Coombs to charge 20p for the childrens tombola; all at 20p a go,which she is running.

Charles Coombs to run the bookstall.

Angela Chivers to fetch the ice-cream from [Lidl's](#), and the cones from Brian Ford's. Hettie Sergeant has agreed to sell the ice-creams in the marquee.

Don Jones, Graham Hutchings, Simon Chivers and Roger Dunn to fetch from the village hall at 9:30am, 18 tables, 15 chairs and the skittle alley.

Committee members were reminded to bring along prizes for the raffle.

8) Future events

a) Casino Night

Casino night 9th September, 2006

an advert has been placed in the [Dolton & Dowland Diary](#). Nick Wood is to organise the licence for the evening. Angela Chivers to contact Linda Genge about the cabaret.

b) Fashion night.

c) Ideas for future events

Pauline Wooddisse suggested a major village event be organised for 2007 say around the August Bank Holiday. This could take the form of a flower festival at the Chapel and at the Church with an art exhibition in the village hall, and refreshments in the Village Hall provided by the Village Hall committee. An event of this size would be of benefit to all organisations involved, with people being drawn in from further afield, and benefiting from more help in its organisation.

9) Working Parties

Time did not permit any discussion on this subject

10) Any other business.

It was decided to replace one of the lights in the small Hall, which is creating so much noise. Roger Dunn to see to this.

Following last month's discussion and the following meeting by the Dolton 1st Responder Group, the village hall appears to be the best location for storing the 1st Responder equipment. The best location for this would appear to be in the kitchen, and it was agreed that the 1st Responder Group could go-ahead with making a cupboard to fit on the left-hand side of the sink for their equipment, with the top being suitable as a working area for the kitchen.

Roger Dunn asked the committee if the Dolton Youth Committee could borrow the public address system from the storeroom for their forthcoming football tournament. Committee were agreeable to this.

The meeting closed at 9:55pm

11) Next Meeting

Date of next meeting to be brought forward one week to 23rd August at 7:30pm as there will be much organisation needed for the casino night.