

Minutes of the Village Hall Meeting held Wednesday 28th Feb.2007 7.30pm in the village hall

Present: Messrs.N.Woods (chair) R.Boyes, J. Lock, Mrs. A.Coombs, R.Lock
P.Wooddisse, A.Chivers, S.McCulloch, S.Berkley-Sage.

Apologies: None

The Chairman reported that Roger Dunn had resigned as Joint Secretary of the Committee. R.Boyes asked the reasons why. There followed a heated debate, resulting in R.Boyes proposing a motion of no confidence in the chairman, who should resign with immediate effect, until the Agm in May 2007 when he could put himself up for election as chairman again. Seconded by J.Lock. Vote took place 5 voted for the proposal. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Mrs.S.Berkley-Sage immediately resigned and went to leave the hall. Mrs.R.Lock stated "that the village hall was bigger and more important than any one of us, and that this was a knee jerk reaction, as Roger Dunn had been accused of doing over his resignation as Secretary, and that for the good of the village hall we should all sit down around the table and talk. R.Boyes withdrew his proposal and the meeting continued.

The minutes of the meeting held 24th January 2007, having been circulated were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. ***Xmas Fair*** – Sally met the costs of the refreshments as a donation. She was thanked for this gesture.

2. ***Charges for hall*** – Rosemary reported that Beaford Hall Committee were in the process of revamping their charges. Agreed that charges would be discussed further at the AGM.

3. ***Village Hall keys*** – Sally reported that the key safe for the First Responder team was working well. The Chairman had paid for this safe.

4. Constitution of Committee –

a) Pauline reported that the Horticultural Society may nominate Mr.T.Jones to join the Hall Committee.

b) Shirley reported that she was no longer the Pre School representative, they would be appointing a new member. In view of this proposed N.Woods seconded P.Wooddissee that Shirley McCulloch be co-opted onto the Hall Committee.

5. ***Hygiene in the kitchen*** - Sally reported that changes would have to be in place by 2008 in order to meet the new regulations.

6. ***Licensing Temporary event notices*** - Rosemary reported that the Licensing Officer of TDC had told her that either the Village Hall Committee or the hirer could apply for such a notice. This was contrary to information give to the chairman. J.Lock would look into how Little Torrington ran their event notices.

7. Improvements to hall and grants

a) Rosemary reported that the planning application had been submitted to TDC with the Parish Council being named as "a nominated representative of the trustees" on the application.

b) Grants - Angela had received notification from Devon Renaissance Working for Rural Businesses (village halls coming under this category) that they would match fund our project and a representative would attend a meeting to assist with the completion of forms.

c) Two places had been booked for the CCD course "generating income for village halls".

d) Ann reported on a successful working party on 2nd February.

e) Pauline reported that paint had been obtained for the large hall (paid for out of moneys raised by the soup kitchens) When hall had been painted the Pre School would have to find some other way or displaying their work so as not to mark the new paintwork. Shirley would liaise with them.

- f) Curtains – Pauline and Angela reported that the curtains in the large hall needed revamping. Agreed that the sum of £65/£70 be spent on new tape for such repairs and work would be carried out by Pauline, Angela and Jenny Elmer
- g) Paint for small hall – agree that the yellow colour scheme be used.
- h) Pauline and Angela to organise working parties for the painting.
- i) Porch roof – Pauline reported quote of £597.24 (50% deposit required) received from P.Pearson Construction. As one more quote is required Shirley will ask Flint and Duane McCulloch to submit a quote.

8. **Parking** – it had been reported that a blue landrover is often parked behind the hall, both during the day and evening. Agreed that a polite notice be put on the windscreen of this vehicle saying “village hall parking only”.

9. **TREASURER’S REPORT** - see attached sheet

10. EASTER FAIR 31ST MATCH 12 noon – 4pm

- a) Sue and Ken Jury had agreed to do the tombola
- b) Rosemary would do the draw
- c) Food – Sally and Ann would organise the food. Bacon butties/cakes.
- d) Men to set up tables in the morning.
- e) Other suggestions were painted easter egg competition and display of childrens easter bonnets. Shirley to liaise with pre school and school.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Mr.Eddie Barker – card received thanking hall committee for their condolences on the death of his wife.
- b) Heating – Caretaker reported that he had used 24 batteries in 7 days for the thermostat control in the large hall. Agreed that a manual thermostats be fixed by the kitchen door as a temporary measure and Mr. La Forte would be contacted to get a quote for looking at the heating controls.
- c) Garden party – Ann Coombs reported that Mr.Tony Hannam was happy to have another garden party at his house, but with no balloons and he suggested a meeting with VHC to discuss the matter. Committee resolved that another event in the football field could be held to incorporate the balloons and other activities
- d) Ladies Indulgence evening – plans were well in hand and tickets selling well.

There being no other business, the chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

Signed.....chairman.....dated