

DOLTON & DOWLAND VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Registered Charity No: 300816

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 JULY 2018

PRESENT: Mrs S Jury, Mrs J Haynes, Mrs W Holland, Mrs F Hart,
Mr M Lock (Caretaker), Mrs J Levett, Mrs S Turner & Dr M Phillips

- 1) APOLOGIES RECEIVED FROM: Mrs R Lock, Ms K Wonnacott,
Mrs S McCulloch, Mrs C Howitt & Mrs A Chivers
- 2) CARETAKER'S REPORT:
 - i) Iddesleigh Church have asked to hire 6 of the display boards. Mr Lock suggested that he ask if they would like to take any of the old chairs we are trying to dispose of at the same time.
 - ii) 40 new chairs were delivered today. They were delivered on a heavy pallet, and Mr Lock will put a notice on the Dolton Facebook page offering it for free to anyone who would like to take it.
 - iii) The freezer needs defrosting, which Mr Lock will do once some of the food has been cleared out.
- 3) STORAGE: Mr Lock has now had a meeting with Nicola Knight of the Mother & Toddler Group, and they have confirmed that they wish to retain their current storage arrangements, and therefore we will not require any new racking for one side of the storage room. Mr Lock then said that quite a bit of space was being taken up by items that have not been used for a long time, such as old tins of paint, boxes of crockery etc. Dr Phillips & Mrs Levett will meet with Mr Lock on 13 July to go through all the items to see what we can get rid of. Dr Phillips offered to take the paint to the tip, and Mrs Turner may take some of the crockery/cutlery for the school.
- 4) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the meeting held on 13th June have been circulated and were signed by Mrs Jury as a correct record.
- 5) MATTERS ARISING:
 - i) Chairs: 40 new chairs were ordered from Fiesta Furniture.
 - ii) Right of Way: We have not heard anything from the Parish Council or their solicitors since the request from Trowers & Hamlins for the Village Hall deeds, which were delivered to them on 30 May. Mrs Hart to email the Parish Council to check on progress.

- 6) TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer presented the monthly accounts for June.
- 7) CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: There was no correspondence.
- 8) REFURBISHMENTS OF TOILETS: Chris Hall has sent through his quote for the work. Mark Hedges' plumber has now been to the hall, but we are still awaiting his quote. We do require 3 quotes, so Jean/Eddie Levett have approached a builder in Dolton who has carried out work on other village halls. Mrs Hart will send Mrs Levett a formal letter to pass on to the builder inviting him to quote.
- 9) HALL INSURANCE: As reported last month, our new insurers (Norris & Fisher) have estimated that rebuilding costs would be quite a bit higher than our present figure and after consulting two local surveyors, it was agreed that we should increase the insured value to be more in line with current costs.
- 10) SIGNAGE: Dr Phillips has been to the design shop in Barnstaple and had had a design for a Big Breakfast banner drawn up. We would need to obtain our own photo of a cooked breakfast for use on the banner. It was agreed that Dr Phillips could go ahead and order these so that we have them in time for the Big Breakfast in October.
- 11) ANY OTHER BUSINESS:
 - i) Mrs Haynes reported that she'd received notification from BT that our current phone/broadband package would be going up by £2.50 a month. After speaking to them, she managed to negotiate a faster/better broadband package, which will be £7.99 a month cheaper!

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 12th September 2018 @ 7.30 p.m.

Signed

Mrs S Jury, Chairperson

Date