

DOLTON & DOWLAND VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Registered Charity No: 300816

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11th DECEMBER 2013

PRESENT: Mrs S Jury, Mrs F Hart, Mr M Lock (Caretaker), Mrs W Holland, Ms E Sagers, Mrs S McCulloch, Mrs M Isaac, Mrs A Chivers & Mrs J Stanford

- 1) APOLOGIES RECEIVED FROM: Ms R McCulloch, Mrs M Blanshard, Mrs J Haynes, Mrs S Turner, Mr J Lock & Mrs R Lock

- 2) CARETAKER'S REPORT:
 - The plaques and pictures have now been rehung in the Small Hall.
 - Wildwest.net had visited the Hall with regard the potential of offering us free wifi. However, this is unlikely to proceed due to the position of the Hall.
 - Mr Lock asked if it would be possible to purchase a storage box for the bin bags so that they could be kept outside instead of in the boiler room. Decided we need to wait until all the kitchen invoices have been paid before incurring any further expenses.
 - It was noted that there would be no drinking water available while the kitchen work is in progress.
 - Mr Lock had had a quote from Simon Jackson to service the boiler.

- 3) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the meeting held on 13th November have been circulated and were signed by Mrs Jury as a correct record.

- 4) MATTERS ARISING: There were no matters arising.

- 5) TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer supplied the monthly accounts.

- 6) CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:
 - Letter from Julia Drury tendering her resignation from the Village Hall Committee. The Secretary to write acknowledging the letter, and thanking Mrs Drury for her offer to remain involved by helping at our various events.
 - Letter from Dolton Parish Council approving our Grant Application, and enclosing a cheque for £300 towards the kitchen renovation. The Secretary to send a thank you letter.
 - Email from our insurers, Allied Westminster, announcing the launch of a photo competition entitled 'Wonderful British Villages'. Entrants have to nominate a Village Hall, and should they win, the nominated Hall would be

- awarded £300. Agreed it would be worth investigating further.
- Licensing News received from Torridge District Council.

7) KITCHEN UPDATE:

- Mrs Jury had received an estimate from Blake Middleton for the electrical work to be carried out in the kitchen.
- The kitchen boiler will be moved into the boiler room and DCC and Torridge have approved our application to use the TAP fund to help cover the cost of this work.

8) CALENDAR UPDATE: 175 calendars have now been sold. We still need to sell another 15 copies to cover our costs. It was suggested that we ask Dolton Beacon Garage if they would sell some for us.

9) CHRISTMAS FAYRE - 7TH DECEMBER: It all went very well, and we made a profit of £709.45.

10) BIG BREAKFAST - 8TH FEBRUARY 2014: Breakfast will be served between 08:30 - 10:30. Entrance will be £6 for adults and £4 for children aged 8 and under, payable on the door. Mrs Isaac will place an advert in The Crier.

11) ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- i) Mrs Stanford reported that teacups were missing from the kitchen, but no one seemed to be aware of what had happened to them.
- ii) Mrs Stanford asked if it would be possible to have the ovens professionally cleaned. Agreed that this should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Date of next meeting: 8th January 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

Signed

Mrs S Jury, Chairperson

Date