

**DOLTON & DOWLAND VILLAGE HALL**  
**Registered Charity No. 300816**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2010**  
**AT 7.30 P.M.**

1. **Present:** Mrs S.Jury, Chairman, Mr S.Briggs, VChairman, Mrs J.Sidey, Secretary, Mrs K Herniman, Treasurer, Mr.G.Hutchings, Mrs S. Turner, Adam Hughes, Mr J and Mrs R Lock, Mr R Dunn, Mrs S.Ashman and Mrs S McCulloch
2. **Approval of Minutes.** The Minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January having been duly circulated were signed by the Chairman as a correct record on the proposal of Mr G.Hutchings, seconded by Mrs K Herniman.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** The Treasurer circulated copies of the monthly accounts showing a current account balance for £5678.89, savings account £3025.57 and Restoration fund £13815.54, with a cash balance of £67.02. The Friday coffee morning made £148.22 and the Cake stall £21.25. The Big Breakfast on 13<sup>th</sup> February had made a profit of £410. and it was resolved that this sum be transferred to the Restoration Fund.
4. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**
  - i) **Ceilings and general improvements.** Mr Middleton had effected repairs to the leaks in the roof but had reported that the roof was in his opinion in a fragile state. Following an in depth discussion it was resolved, on the proposal of Mr R.Dunn, seconded by Mrs S.McCulloch, that Mr Gerald Jury, an experienced now retired builder, be asked to carry out an inspection on the condition of the roof and provide a written report so that the Committee can decide whether the roof is in a viable condition before deciding on starting work on replacing the ceilings or whether it will be necessary to replace the roof.
  - ii) **Oil Tank Shut-Off Valve.** This work to be carried out by the plumber at the time of installing the dishwasher.
  - iii) **Dishwasher.** Mr Dunn had been unable to get any response from County Supplies and on the proposal of Mrs R.Lock, seconded by Mrs Herniman it was agreed that the Chairman should approach McBains Refrigeration of Fremington to provide a suitable dishwasher.
  - iv) **Installation of Screen and Projector.** The installation of the screen and projector purchased by the PC. Mr Briggs had prepared a report on this matter and after a short discussion the Secretary was asked to write to the Clerk to the Parish Council welcoming the proposal in principle subject to clarification of details regarding usage, insurance, cost of installation, upkeep, etc. The installation to be undertaken at the same time as the work in renewing the ceiling.
  - v) **Outside Lights.** After a short discussion it was proposed by Mr Lock, seconded by Mrs Herniman that Mr Robert Turner be asked to change the faulty light bulbs as soon as possible.
5. **Fund Raising.**
  - i) **Grant Applications.**

Mr Hutchings has not yet submitted the Awards for All grant application until the condition of the roof has been ascertained as grants awarded can only be applied to the work specified in the application. Mr and Mrs Watts of Halsdon had sent a cheque for £5,000 towards the work for

replacing the ceilings which effectively gives enough money for the work to be started. Mr Hutchings had written a letter of thanks.

**ii) Big Breakfast.** This was a very successful event and realised a profit of £410 for restoration funds. It was agreed to hold another in late summer/autumn. Mrs Jury thanked everyone who contributed in any way.

**iii) The Family Games Night.** Cancelled through lack of support although it was considered worth rescheduling during the summer with perhaps an outdoor barbeque.

**iv) The Easter Fair** With the usual stalls, refreshments and raffle. To start at 12 noon, raffle draw at 3 p.m. and end at 3.30 p.m. Easter bonnet competition for ladies and decorated eggs competition for children. Mrs Herniman and Mrs McCulloch - Tombola, Adam Hughes – bookstall, Mrs Lock – raffle, Mrs McCoach of The Paddocks to be asked to judge the Bonnet and Eggs competitions. Mrs Chivers had been taking bookings for tables.

**v) Fund Raising Ideas**

Mrs Lock suggested Mouse Racing could be considered as it was very popular.

The Secretary reported that Sponsored Dog Walk is organised for late March, sponsor forms available from Church Street Stores.

Mrs Herniman suggested a Ladies Fashion Show

**vi) Quiz Night.** Adam Hughes reported that his Quiz Night in the Union Inn on 21<sup>st</sup> February for the Restoration Fund had raised £95.50( to be transferred to restoration fund).

Very well done Adam and thanks to Church Street Stores for providing raffles prizes.

**6. Any Other Business.**

The secretary reported that the Caretaker had complained that the Gents toilet is too cold and required a heater. The Committee thought this is unnecessary. A search was made for missing kettle lead which was found still attached to food warmer. While searching for kettle lead it was noticed that the walls were cobwebby and surfaces in the kitchen were grubby. Caretaker to be asked to give kitchen a spring clean.

Mr Dunn had checked and the heater in the ladies toilet is working.

Mrs Jury had been asked if Candice Peachey could use the Hall for about 10 minutes after school during the next three weeks to practice catwalk walking skills prior to a forthcoming competition.

All agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.00 p.m.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30 p.m.

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