
HEWISH & PUXTON VILLAGE HALL

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 29th June 2017

Present: Christine Richardson (Chair), Dave Hares, Pauline Pearce, Richard Woolmington, Roger Welch, Donald Hill

42/17 APOLOGIES: Sue Popperwell, Sharen Hucker

43/17 MEETING MINUTES: The minutes of April 25th were reviewed, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chair.

44/17 MATTERS ARISING

On Line Banking: Paperwork (2nd set - 1st set lost post-delivery to Nat West branch) posted to Nat West 26th June.

NSC Hall Licence: Current uncertainties re hall future prompted a delay. **Don Hill to monitor.**

Outside Ground Maintenance: work can start after August 15th. **Don Hill to call to John Keates to arrange.**

Safety Notices - Noticeboard from Sue Popperwell to be erected in the entrance hall. **DH/CR to organise.**

45/17 ACCOUNTS TO DATE

The accounts: were noted. With some £6550 in hire fees and some £600 due to be paid in for June a target of £9000 in hire fees for the financial year October 1st 2016 - September 31st 2017 looks achievable.

Hire Fee Arrears: A recent party booking exactly coincided with a regular annual removal of a set of large tables (that the booking presumed would be there) for an outside event - a detail the incoming Committee was not briefed on. The Committee apologised for this debacle and it was agreed that the hirer's offer of a £20 hire fee (against an original £40 fee) would be accepted.

46/17 MAINTENANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The kitchen-to-hall door slams with a violent noise: **a door-closure device needs to be fitted.**

A table top has become detached: Dave Hares undertook to re-fit it.

47/17 FUNDRAISING

As an outcome of the May 9th Public Meeting, a sub-committee has been established, to be called the **Fund-raising Sub-Committee (FSC)**. Members are - Lynda Redding (Chair), Jane Woolmington, Charlotte Veryard, Peter Penfold, Clayton Penfold, Lindsay Fell, Roy Fell, Mandy Dewer, Christine Richardson.

Based on information from FSC to date, The Hall Committee has posited a need for some £125,000 based on a freehold purchase price of £100,000 and a sum for roof repairs of £25,000.

An initial 'blue sky' funds chart looks like:

Parish Council Community Fund:	£40,000
Harvest Home:	£20,000
\$106 Money via NSC	£10,000
Private Donations	£10,000
To be raised by Funding Committee	£45,000

The possibility of loans via a bank or the Parish Council loan scheme were mooted. (The legal status of the above funds - as donations, shares, or loans etc. will need the support of the contributors and a solicitor to formulate).

The FSC proposed approaching the landlord's agent with a freehold offer price of £75,000. This relates to an initial asking price of £150,000 and an 'understood' acceptable offer in the region of £100,000.

Valuation and initial offer negotiations have so far been handled by estate agent David Plaister at no-cost. After discussion, this meeting agreed the FSC recommendation to ask David to approach the Landlord's agents - Greenslade Hunt - with an opening bid of £75,000 and to invite the possibility of an extended lease period - against a pre-agreed purchase price - to facilitate the fund-raising process. **CR to progress via FSC and David Plaister.**

48/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that The Women's Institute, the North Somerset Brass Band, and other regular users are arranging fund-raising events over the coming months.

49/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A meeting should be held in early November to review the full financial year October 1st 2016 to September 31st 2017. An earlier meeting may be called, if Fund Raising Sub-Committee matters require it, for matters that cannot be resolved via e-mail between Committee members.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm