

West Wickham Village Hall Trust

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 26th January 2012 at 8 High Street West Wickham. 8.00 – 9.30 p.m.

Present: Nick Salter (Chairman), Marcus Cornish, Kathy Pelling, Peter Grieve and Simon Keen

Apologies: Patrick Charlton, Tina Daniels (Pre School Rep) and Martin Kerslake (Advising on Solar Panels)

1. Actions arising from AGM on 16th September 2011

Matters which had been raised at the AGM were considered. These included:

- Repair of the chair holder. It was thought that Bryn may be able to do this. Kathy Pelling agreed to ask
- Missing Padlocks for rear car park. Chairman agreed to obtain new padlocks.
- Central Heating service. This remained on the “to do list”. The Chairman would contact Andrew Morris about the heating.

2. Chairman’s Update

The Chairman circulated a note detailing actions since the AGM. Arising from this it was noted that:

- The Hall’s Council Tax remained at the nil rate
- Accounts had been submitted to the Charity Commission
- The electricity contract had been renewed at a reduced rate which was likely to provide a significant saving
- Paperwork had been submitted for the PRS licence but PPL fees were still to be paid.
- The Preschool were to receive the discretionary 25% discount for the Autumn Term.

3 Bookings and Invoicing Update

Kathy Pelling reported on the bookings, which were healthy. In particular it was noted that there was to be a barn dance on 23rd June in aid of Save the Children. The need for a licence for this event was questioned. It was thought likely that the bar would operate on the basis of donations rather than direct selling, so a licence would not be necessary.

Simon Keen reported that in the last quarter invoices to the value of £2300 had been sent out..

4 Solar Panels

The Government had reduced the feed-in tariff from 41p to 21p, and although this had been challenged on the basis of insufficient consultation, there was little doubt that the scheme would no longer be attractive unless the cost of the equipment was significantly reduced. It was agreed that it would not be advisable to go ahead with solar panels at present but that it may become more advantageous in the future. It was also agreed that we should seek planning consent in order to be in a position to move forward if circumstances changed.

5. Diamond Jubilee celebrations

The major event of the Diamond Jubilee weekend was to be on the afternoon and evening of Monday 4th June, with a bar. It was agreed that the Village Hall Management Committee would run the bar, with food. In the light of this it was agreed that there would be no Village Fair in September.

6. Fundraising

The following ideas were discussed:

- Casino nights (need for a licence?)
- Social evenings (suggested by Justin Plumb) It was agreed that this idea could be taken forward. It had been suggested that the Bell at Balsham would provide drinks but the Committee were concerned that any profits would therefore be going to the Bell
- 100 Club (suggested by Patrick Charlton) It was agreed that Patrick should be asked to give some details on how this would operate
- Quiz – not yet, the pre school were holding one on 24th February. Agreed to hold a quiz in the autumn

7. Any Other Business

- * Need to bring to the attention of users that lights should be turned off after use and thermostats turned down
- * Electric sockets in lobby are OK

9. Next Meeting

Thursday 19th April 2012 – 8.00 p.m.

