

Minutes of a meeting of North Scarle Village Hall & Playing Fields Committee on Monday 17th October 2011 at 7.30pm

- Present :** Laura Bell, Paul Cobb, Chris Dixon, Ken Hall, Ben Humphries, Rosie Rowe, Jean Shelbourn, Collen Vickers, Shirley Wells
- 1. Apologies** Pat Malson, Barbara Wells.
 - 2. Minutes of the last meeting** Minutes of the last meeting were taken as a true record.
 - 3. Matters arising** Items to be covered in representatives reports.
 - 4. Report from Secretary** PM not present.
 - 5. Report from Treasurer** SW summarised the September income and expenditure figures.

Income and Expenditure for Sept 2011

Income	£	£
	Sept 2011	Sept 2010
Car Boot Sales	882.00	407.00
Caravans	652.00	273.00
Showers	88.00	
Donations	155.00	576.00
Interest	1.14	1.14
	1778.14	1109.14
Expenditure	£	£
	Sept 2011	Sept 2010
Groundsman	220.00	190.00
Car Boot Sale adverts		54.52
Cleaning	10.00	12.00
PAT Test	12.00	
Waste Collection	299.99	
Insurance	4116.95	
Electricity	508.59	
Roof repairs	170.83	
Outside light & key cupboard	93.80	
Playground inspection	75.60	74.03
Shower repairs	284.65	
Plumbing		27.08
G Worrel		56.00
Premier account	9114.90	
Current account	4901.44	
Cash	580.37	
Cash in hand - BH	257.68	
Cheques	220.00	
	15074.59	

Action PC – Summarise last 2 yrs figures to allow trend to be monitored – By next meeting

6. Report from representatives

- 6.1 Bowls Club. CV reported that club was now in 'winter mode' as they had finished playing (season is from May to August). He is to float the idea of Indoor Bowls in the village Hall to his members. Also looking into creating more 'home' events to boost the social side of the activities and therefore hopefully improve membership.
- 6.2 Cricket Club. No rep present.
- 6.3 Church Council. Nothing to report.
- 6.4 Football Club. No rep present.
Outstanding Action DS – Detailed arrangements for tournament to committee. PC to email DS regarding this.
- 6.5 Methodist Chapel. No rep present.
- 6.6 Model Engineering Society. No rep present.
- 6.7 Parish Council. Nothing to report.
- 6.8 Tennis Club. No rep present.
- 6.9 Training Club. No rep present.
- 6.10 Women's Institute. RR reported they will be holding a Coffee Morning on 16th November in the Methodist Chapel.
- 6.11 Village Hall Committee. BH reported the following: Yoga classes have started and finished – due to lack of interest. Decoration of the bar area has taken place. Fire procedure will be in place in the next 2 weeks. Confusion over an item in the press suggesting that there was going to be a regular line-dancing class in the hall (this is not the case – although one-off events of this type are a possibility). Village hall committee are to meet next week to discuss further redecoration and improvement plans and will report to the next meeting

- 7. **Car Boot Sales** Car Boots have finished for the season. The school were grateful of the chance to run their own Car Boot and £135.00 was raised. CV suggested that we should look at adding further attractions such as Crazy Golf to boost the popularity of the events for next season. LB suggested Bouncy Castles as an alternative.

Action CV – Investigate Crazy Golf options – Next meeting

Action LB – Investigate Bouncy Castle options – Next meeting

- 8. **Caravan Site** The water heater in the shower block has been checked and is OK. The cistern in the gents hall toilets is not working correctly. The fire extinguishers for the caravan site need to be checked and a new procedure put in place for their use. RR to forward details to PC of extinguisher servicing company. A vote was taken on a proposal to allow caravans to be stored on the site for long periods of time – subject to conditions yet to be agreed. It was carried unanimously. Guidelines to be drafted by PC for further discussion.

Action RR – Info for fire extinguisher servicing to PC - ASAP

Action PC – Procedure for use of fire extinguishers – Next meeting

Action PC – Draft guidelines for caravan storage – to be discussed at next meeting

Action PC – Update notice board and include 'at owners risk' details re usage of the site

- 9. **Utilities** PC reported on discussions with Anglian Water regarding possibility of reduction in sewerage charges due to use of water for irrigation. We would have to fit own water meter to facilitate this. As major leaks have now been stemmed and the Bowls Club have made a commitment not to use mains water for irrigation without express permission of the committee, it was felt that nothing else needed to be done in the

short term. PC has given notice to EON that we intend to renegotiate our electricity supplier in Feb 2012.

Action PC – Check usage (meter reading)

10. Any other business

- Roger Honey had supplied quote for football wall made of concrete and wood - the details were passed to BH for discussion by the Village Hall Committee.

Action BH – Proposals to be made – next meeting

- PC – Basketball. After consultation with BQ it was suggested that a tennis court could be converted to play basketball. Hoops need to be sourced and possibly roll out turf. PC has discussed with Peter Merrick (Reynolds Sports) and he will investigate and give recommendations.

Action PC – info awaited from Peter Merrick

- CV – re Village SOS. CV explained the rationale behind the Village SOS approach. The business ideas discussed were: Bio-digester, Rural office /computing services, After school/holiday groups, conference facilities. CV also discussed the BIFFA award scheme (£5K-50K with 10% matching funds needed). Ideas for this were: developing the disabled toilets. PC warned that we need to ensure that whatever plans were put forward we did not deviate from the aims of the organisation and charity namely: *'VILLAGE HALL AND RECREATION GROUND FOR THE USE OF THE INHABITANTS OF NORTH SCARLE AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, AND IN PARTICULAR USE FOR MEETINGS, LECTURES AND CLASSES, AND FOR OTHER FORMS OF RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION, WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS'*

Action ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Suggestions for business opportunities – next meeting

- IT was suggested that dates for next season's Car Boot Sales to be placed on the front door.

Action BH – Fit old and new notice boards – By next meeting

- LB – Brownies. The Brownies group has expressed an interest in using the hall for meeting and wanted to know what our fire procedure was.

Outstanding Action LB – Keep Brownies informed of developments

Outstanding Action BH – Develop basic fire safety procedure and implement – By next meeting

- PC – Licensing. PC explained that the DPS had resigned and suggested that we remove alcohol from the premises licence – as this would mean that the renewal of the licence in the future would be at zero cost. This was agreed.

Action PC – Liaise with NKDC Licensing Dept. to amend premises licence

- PC – Clothes hooks were requested in the showers

Action CV – Fit hooks

- PC – Garage tap – make secure

Action CV – Tap mods

- PC – Caravan site electrics. It appears that the last electrical check on the caravan site hook-ups had some outstanding points which remain unaddressed. CV to make contact with the company involved and make good

Action CV – Address outstanding issues on Caravan electrics – ASAP – By next meeting

- LB - Play area. LB summarised the ROSPA play area reports and what needs to be addressed. Some wings chains need to be made good and the bark covering on the ground needs attention.

Action LB – Quotes for play area repairs – By next meeting

- LB – Lincs Echo funding scheme. LB explained about a scheme that we have applied for run by the Lincs Echo for cash to improve the Children's Play Area. It was suggested that we inform villagers by leaflet if and when

we get accepted for the scheme.

Action LB – Feedback on current position

Action LB – Develop long-term stage by stage plan for play area

- JS - Tariff sheet. JS requested that a tariff sheet be produced and displayed for the hall booking.
Action BH – Produce tariff sheet – By next meeting
- KH - Quiz night. KH suggested a quiz for Christmas. Dates to be discussed by the Village Hall committee.
- Event calendar – It was agreed that an event calendar would be a good idea to include as many village events as possible. To be displayed on the hall notice boards and on the village website. All info to be send to PC.
Action PC – Collate event calendar

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 15th November 2011 at 7.30pm