

Minutes of a meeting of North Scarle Village Hall & Playing Fields Committee on 22nd April 2014 at 7.30pm

Present : Jo Baldwin, Laura Bell, Paul Cobb, Emma Dickinson, Ben Humphries, Pat Malson, Andrew O'Brien, Dave Pierce, Barry Quibell, Rosie Rowe, Jean Shelbourn, Collen Vickers, Shirley Wells.

- 1. Apologies** Barbara Wells
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting** Minutes of the last meeting had been circulated.
- 3. Matters arising** N/A.
- 4. Report from Secretary** None
- 5. Report from Treasurer** SW asked for all outstanding accounts to be passed to her by the end of the month, ready for auditing. RR suggested that we approach another auditor for a cost comparison for drawing up the accounts – PC to contact.

6. Report from representatives

- 6.1** Bowls Club. CV reported that the club was looking forward to starting the season.
- 6.2** Cricket Club. AO'B reported that the first home game was this coming Sunday. The proposal for toilets and showers put forward previously still needed plans to be drawn up – target by next meeting. Cricket teas are now to be held at the White Hart. Dog fouling on the field is getting worse – after a discussion AO'B volunteered to provide notices for strategic places on the field – this was agreed, and the situation would be monitored.
- 6.3** Church Council. Nothing to report.
- 6.4** Methodist Chapel. No rep present.
- 6.5** Model Engineering Society. DP reported children's parties with train rides have proved to be increasingly popular. H&S training is taking place which includes activities signalling and gate-opening.
- 6.6** Parish Council. No rep present.
- 6.7** Tennis Club. BQ reported that they are ready for the start of the season. Children's coaching is proving popular.
- 6.8** Women's Institute. Nothing to report.
- 6.9** Play Area. LB reported that bark is to be laid on the play area in the Spring.
- 6.10** Village Hall Committee.
 - BH reported that the recent opening evening was not well attended – but two of those attending have agreed to join the committee – so it was a success overall as the ultimate aim was to encourage new blood on the committee.
 - PC proposed a vote of thanks to BH for all his hard work and expressed sadness at his leaving – the committee echoed this sentiment and unanimously agreed that it was sorry to see him leave the village.
 - Jo Baldwin and Emma Dickenson were welcomed onto the village hall committee.

7. **Car Boot Sales** BQ reported that the first car boot was hard work for marshalling as only two people were available on the field. CV will take the lead on collection of stall-holder fees due to Margaret Howard's retirement. SW volunteered to stand in if CV is unavailable. New signs for Car Boot – RR to remind Matt.
8. **Caravan Site** Advance notice of Jenny's presence on site so that her van can be moved ASAP.
9. **Utilities** Ongoing saga with NK re bin collections – hopefully resolved shortly after a site visit. Still awaiting response from Zurich regarding water leak claim. ST Water accept that we do not send surface water to drain and refunded £151.31 – not to be charged in future.

10. Any other business

- Jo Baldwin and Emma Dickinson were co-opted onto the committee (unanimous). They will be Chair and Bookings Secretary (respectively) of the Village Hall Committee.
- Toiler refurb will commence on 6th May
- CV asked if small room could be locked and segregated when in use by Men's club – so that two groups could use the hall simultaneously. This was discussed but entrance/egress, noise issues and toilet availability were felt to be too problematic in the short term. This will be revisited as other changes to hall use are implemented.
- CV suggested the possibility of building a veranda for use by the Bowl's Club overlooking the bowling green. He will investigate further (including funding) and report back.
- PC read letter from adjacent neighbour enquiring about available of land for purchase. PC to address with Charities commission.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Date for next meeting – Wednesday 21st May 2014 at 7.30pm.

Please note – Hall will be in use – please use Toilet Block entrance.