

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

OF

BURBAGE VILLAGE HALL TRUST

HELD IN BURBAGE VILLAGE HALL

ON

WEDNESDAY, 18th FEBRUARY 2009

Those present:

Dr Martin Hamer -	Chairman
Mr Frank Jeffrey -	Vice Chairman
Mr Philip Marsh -	Treasurer
Mrs Sandra Drewitt -	Trustee & Booking Officer
Mrs Vienne Rosier -	Trustee
Ms Natasha Spreadbury -	Trustee
Mr Gavin Kitchen -	Trustee
Mrs Gill Terry -	Trustee and Parish Council representative
Mr Marek Grabowski -	Trustee and Cricket Club representative
Mr Andrew Gordon -	Trustee and Tennis Club representative
Mr Tony Dobson -	Trustee and Wasps representative
Mrs Jean Stark -	Trustee and Good Companions representative

Also present: 10 residents from the village

ITEM		ACTION:
1.	Apologies for absence: Claire Kington, Ann Powell	
2.	Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 19th November, 2008: Proposed as a true record: Natasha Spreadbury Seconded Frank Jeffrey	
3.	Matters Arising from the Minutes: a) The Chairman formally thanked all the people who helped at the "Picnic in the Hall" event and stated that it was great to see young children as well. The event raised over £300.00.	
4.	FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Cheques paid: i) Electricity Bill - £210.94 ii) Bar restocking - £628.22 iii) Bar restocking - £148.20 iv) Heating oil - £708.56 The Chairman reported that the Treasurer had put together financial information for the year 1 st January 2008 through to 31 st December 2008. Income £15,255.71 Expenditure £30,686.84	

	<p>Surplus/deficit £15,431.13 Excluding “project” costs £13,311.40 a loss of £2,119.73 was reported for the year.</p> <p>It was hoped that next year the loss could be turned around into a break even figure. The Charity Commission needs to know the accounts position 10 months prior to accounts closure. The Chairman reported he thought this was a very positive outcome and the accounts will be published prior to the AGM in April 2009.</p> <p>Takings from the bar amounted to £600 which reflected the positive approach to enquiries by Sandra Drewitt.</p> <p>The bat survey costs of £429.00 had been negotiated and a sum of £187.00 will be paid in this respect.</p>	TREASURER
5.	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS:</p> <p>Sports Club:</p> <p>The following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairman reported that he had had a series of very positive meetings with the new Sports Club Chairman, Mark Day. The Village Hall Trustees wish to try and secure a legal and mutually beneficial agreement with the Sports Club over its long term usage of the Red Lion Field. • The Village Hall Trustees’ objective is to secure an agreement with the Sports Club which can be formalised by April 2009. Some Trustees are seeking to secure an annual rent on the field of around £3,000 per annum. <p>A lively discussion took place regarding the Village Hall Charter of 1944 and its reference to sport in the Village. It was eventually agreed to move the meeting on and that it was in everyone’s interests to find a common solution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agreement would cover the use by the Sports Club of the field for purposes directly related to the provision of sporting activities. These would be defined as (at present) Cricket, Football and Tennis. The provision would require the agreement of the Village Hall Trust and that such agreement would not be unreasonably withheld. • Other non-sporting activities, proposed to be held on Village Hall Trust land would require the prior agreement of the Village Hall Trust and be subject to negotiation. • The Village Hall Trust would, at all times, retain access permission over the Red Lion Field. • All legal costs involved in drawing up any such formal agreement would be the responsibility of the Sports Club. • The Village Hall Trustees are willing to enter into an appropriate long term lease with the Sports Club if agreed terms and provisions can be agreed. The Sports Club would be responsible for ensuring that it had all appropriate liability insurances in place. • Prior to entering into any such agreement the Village Hall Trust would wish to see (on a commercial, in confidence basis) the last three years accounts of the Sports Club. <p>Discussion took place regarding the above points, especially with regard to the amount the Sports Club could afford to pay in rent, the fact that the Village Hall Trust is a charitable organisation providing a sporting benefit to the village, the fact of a long period of unpaid rent and the fact that many members of the sports club are</p>	TREASURER

youngsters who cannot afford to pay more in the way of match fees. A Pewsey councillor, Gerry Kunczler, who attended the meeting, offered to approach the new Unitary Authority to see what funds are available.

**GERRY
KUNCKLER**

With further discussion going on it was decided to go forward with the agenda.

Village Hall Repairs:

Tenders had been invited from the following companies:

MRH Builders
Forest View Homes
Philip Hawkins
Chris Wheeler Construction

Philip Hawkins and Chris Wheeler Construction were the only two companies who tendered.

Philip Hawkins £4,360.20
Chris Wheeler Construction £8,485.00

It was, therefore, decided to accept Philip Hawkins quotation.

Burbage Village Hall Trust – Trust Ownership

The following is a list of land owned by the Village Hall Trust

1. Barn Meadow
2. Red Lion Field
3. Ransom strip at Meadow View – this is a strip of land that runs around the boundary of the old Village Hall.

Grant Applications:

- a) Requested £5,000 from Community Fund for Wiltshire for windows (pending).
- b) Requested £10,000 from “Awards for All” for floor replacement (pending).
- c) £5,000 from Kennet District Council for kitchen refurbishment (granted).

With regard to the kitchen refurbishment work is due to commence shortly. Kitchen fittings are due to arrive within two days. The existing cupboards need emptying of crockery, etc.

Possible Future Fund Raising Events:

1. Jazz/Picnic in the Hall
2. Car boot sale
3. Professional magician/picnic
4. Pete Doherty – a resounding “no” to this idea

Other ideas included

1. A 1980's evening
2. Phoenix Brass for a carol service at Christmas
3. A Race Evening
4. Antiques Road Show type valuation day – possibly a Saturday afternoon.
5. Pewsey Amateur Dramatics to put a play on in the Hall.
6. Dog show with car boot sale.

AGM:

Wednesday, 15th April 2009 at 7.15 pm. All nominations for Trustees together with

	<p>Seconders to be received by 2nd April 2009.</p> <p>Rear Garden Entrances from Long Row to Red Lion Field:</p> <p>The meeting was informed of rear entrances being formed into Red Lion Field and concern was expressed with regard to any damage to the cricket field. The Village Hall Trust owns the field and only they are able to give any permission for access. Planning permission applications to be checked.</p>	
6.	<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>Wednesday, 18th March 2009 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.</p>	
	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed.</p>	