



TTERTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Minutes of an Ordinary General Meeting of the committee held in the Committee Room on Wednesday 19th July 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present: Andrew Sharp (Chairman & Secretary) Joan Cullen (Hon. Treasurer), Emma Cooling, Rita Elliott, John Fudge, Jill Gladstone, Claire Mills, David Pankhurst, Catherine Randall, Cheridah Stamford, and Sharon Young.

- 1) **Apologies for absence.** There were none.
- 2) **Minutes of the last OGM.** That the minutes of the last OGM meeting held on 25th January 2017 having been circulated, were considered correct and could be signed as a true record of that meeting.
- 3) **Matters Arising.**
 - (i) **Kitchen Cupboards.** David was still considering the best way to fit a mains computer fan to assist moving air through the cupboards. **ACTION: DP**
 - (ii) **Dishwasher.** Andrew had yet to produce a sign advising users that the dishwasher no longer needed detergent tablets. **ACTION: AS**
 - (iii) **Disposal of Redundant Items.** Andrew had now disposed of the old Super Ser heater and rusty chairs to the recycling centre. **RESOLVED**
 - (iv) **Ladies Toilet.** The plumber was being particularly elusive. The problem of the noisy pipework in the ladies toilet was continuing. Andrew agreed to either jog his memory or seek another plumber. **ACTION A.S.**
 - (v) **New Trestle Tables.** These had now been identified as belonging to the hall by dint of using a stencil that came in at only £12. **RESOLVED**
 - (vi) **External Fire Alarm.** Andrew had asked Jeff Kamester to quote for smoke detectors in the lobby, main hall and committee room as well as a heat detector in the kitchen. These would be linked to an external alarm and strobe light. He had hoped to bring the quote to the meeting but unfortunately it had not been received in time. This would therefore be brought forward to be discussed at our next meeting.
 - (vii) **Projector Screen/Film Shows.** The new screen had been installed and was proving to be very effective. David confirmed that the projector that was now kept in the store cupboard had been donated to the hall by his brother for which the committee were very grateful. Andrew wondered whether we could advertise and show a film for free to see how much interest this might generate within the village. **ACTION A.S.**
 - (viii) **Exterior Lighting.** A further PIR light had been installed outside the double doors to illuminate the steps. After some initial issues with it turning on when it shouldn't, this problem had now been overcome. **RESOLVED**
 - (ix) **Wi-Fi.** Jill had asked the shop committee about the possibility of the hall linking in to their system but apparently this wasn't possible at the moment. However, they were considering putting in an extra line and Jill agreed to investigate whether this might make a difference to our request. **ACTION JG**

- (x) **Store Racking.** The Chairman had now installed shelving into the hall store; the PA system, projector and other items were now being stored on this racking. **RESOLVED**
- (xi) **Old Vicarage Art Display.** Apparently the idea of displaying these artworks at Sue Moger's coffee morning in aid of Cancer in Children did not manage to come to fruition as the dates didn't work out.
- 4) **Correspondence.** A letter had been received from the Old Vicarage thanking us for lending them the old tables and chairs for their fête.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report.** Joan reported that since our last meeting, we had had to pay for the external painting, the drop down screen, new internal and external lighting, new doors and new paving slabs. This amounted to £6,551 leaving our current account at £1,218.70 and the reserve account at £17,688.87.
- 6) **Rubbish.** Since EDDC had changed their landfill collections to once every three weeks, we had encountered problems with the wheelie bin overflowing. A suggestion was made that we get another bin, however it was thought that by the end of the three weeks the contents might be getting a bit niffy. It was agreed that, in common with most other village halls, all hirers should be asked to take their rubbish away with them. Catherine suggested that the booking form should be amended to reflect this. **ACTION: AS/JC**
- 7) **Short Mat Bowls.** The Chairman read out a letter from Mrs. Valerie Whatley confirming the demise of the Short Mat Bowls Group. He considered it to be a great shame that this had come to an end and pondered that, since the hall had paid for all the equipment twenty plus years ago, we should consider relaunching this pastime in the autumn. It was thought that with several new people now residing in the village, if it was publicised sufficiently, this might bring in new players. David wondered whether the equipment could be used at one off events. **ACTION A.S.**
- 8) **Notice Board.** Andrew had checked with EDDC about putting a board 1189mm x 841mm on the slope outside the shop between the window and the door. Despite it being in a conservation area, they had no objection. Having approached the shop committee, they had agreed to fund half the cost on the understanding that they could have the use of half of the board. Joan thought that by having the board there, we would not have to have any notices stuck to the hall windows. It was agreed to go ahead with this purchase. **ACTION A.S.**
- 9) **Skateboarding Issues.** Following a visit by the PCSO to the known culprits, both Joan and Catherine confirmed that this problem had apparently been resolved. The lads in question had also apologised to Valerie Pride for using bad language. **RESOLVED?**

10) **Wall Mounted Speakers.** Andrew had been to Woodbury Village Hall and had been impressed with the sound quality of their loud speakers. The current speakers we had were extremely heavy and he was worried that this would put people off from using them. He had gone to API Communications for a price on wall mounted speakers wired so that the amplifier could be plugged in either the front or the back of the hall. Including all wiring and trunking this worked out at £1,484 plus VAT. It was agreed that this would be an asset to the hall and we should consider going ahead with this purchase. **ACTION AS**

11) **Any Other Business.** David had previously queried whether we could put solar panels on the south elevation of the hall roof where they wouldn't easily be seen by anyone. Andrew had checked with EDDC about this possibility since we were in a conservation area. They had told us that there was no blanket ban and that each proposal would be considered on their merits. It was generally agreed that little of the electricity generated would be used by the hall but instead we would get income from the prevailing feed-in tariff. Jill said she thought that you could now get batteries to store the power and that Gwyneth Moore was in the know on this subject. If this was a runner, then Joan suggested that next year we could apply to the Lottery Fund, she could also find out if there were monies available through our new County Councillor Claire Wright or from EDDC. Andrew suggested that another project we could think about was replacing the chrome framed black chairs in the hall as several were getting beginning to get very tired. **ACTION AS/JC**

Jill told the meeting that the shop committee were looking into the possibility of air conditioning the shop as it was unbearably hot in there on a warm day. The exterior unit could be linked to the inside via an existing vent.

Andrew asked if there was any progress on the proposed CCTV, he was told that John Edmonds was dealing with this and that they may well be going ahead with this.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.02pm.