

Haslingfield Village Hall & Pavilion

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 at 7.30 pm

Minutes of the Meeting

**Present:** Ron van der Hoorn (Chairman)(RH), Tony Adcock (Treasurer)(TA), Frances Laville (Secretary) (FL), Clive Blower (CB), Brian Gott (BG), Robert Judge (RJ), Philip Golden (PG), Terry Baker (TeB), Alan Stevens (AS) and Chris Delves (CD)

**1. Apologies were received from:**

- Bob Bradshaw (BB)

**2. Minutes of Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017:**

- The Minutes were approved. Proposed CB, seconded TA.

**3. Matters Arising:**

- The new boiler instructions have not yet been done. **Action RH**
- Another Electrician has quoted around £3000 to install new lights and a dimmer switch, as originally requested by the Village Society. This was thought to be too expensive and no more quotes will be sought unless the lights are broken.

**4. Grounds Maintenance**

- Emails have been sent between PG and Aidan Garbutt (AG) regarding obtaining rear turf tyres for the tractor. The Parish Council has agreed to pay 50%, or the cost of replacing one tyre. Philip Golden is to talk to Chris Coleridge about progressing with the Abbey Tyres quote and perhaps sourcing front tyres for the tractor as well. If four tyres are needed the request will be forwarded to the Parish Council. **Action PG**
- Additionally, there was a concern about the suitability of the cylinder gang mowers for cutting long wet grass in the winter, where big rotary mowers could be more suitable. This is to be investigated. **Action PG**
- AG has always mowed the pitch, dependent on the weather and the need to be clear of footballers before cutting. He recently paid £150 to hire a tractor to clear the whole area. It was decided to reimburse this cost against a copy of the bill. Proposed RH, seconded TA. AG will be asked to let someone know in advance if he needs to hire equipment in the future. **Action CD**
- It was agreed to talk about paying a more appropriate fee to AG than £40, including petrol, for mowing the entire pitch during the summer months, which takes about 3 hours each time, and to pay him directly and not through the Cricket Club. **Action TA/RH**
- TA is to look at the Insurance Policy to see if he is insured under Public Liability, or whether he should have his own insurance. **Action TA**
- The VH Committee wished to thank AG for looking after the pitch so well. **Action RH**

**5. Building Maintenance**

- RJ said the fence around the Tennis Club shed has now been done.
- The Tennis Court lighting proposal will shortly be submitted to SCDC.
- The Parish Council proposal (done by CB) for putting additional lighting on two footpaths will be sent to RJ. **Action FL**
- A quote will be sought for lighting both pathways and this will then be presented to the Parish Council for approval. **Action CB**
- TA has bought a new First Aid kit for the kitchen.
- AS mentioned two cracked window-panes by the patio in the Committee Room. TeB said this was due to footballs hitting the window. AS said the panes should also be screwed in, rather than nailed. A quote is to be sought from John Offord to repair them. **Action FL**
- The broken roof tile has now been fixed by John Offord.

- AS said he came to the VH on Sunday evening and every radiator was turned off, making it very cold. The room either seems to be too hot or too cold. He thought the position of the thermostat is too high and needs relocating. The heating company is to be contacted about checking thermostats on individual radiators. **Action TA**

**6. Bookings.**

- TeB said the seats have come off two of the padded chairs. RH said he has a dozen or so spare plastic chairs and will drop them round to the VH for Show Week soon. **Action RH**
- Six rubber door wedges are to be purchased to keep the doors open. **Action AS**
- TA said before spending approximately £130,000 on a Village Hall extension approval is first needed from the village. A referendum will be taken in early 2018, with a view to starting work in the spring. The kitchen will be done last, so as not to disrupt bookings. **Action TA**
- TeB had a request from a 4-piece band, based in Duxford, to book the VH on a Sunday afternoon. RH said no-one had so far complained about noise at weekends.

**7. AOB**

- None

**8. Finance**

- Tony Adcock gave a list of payments. Proposed TA, seconded RH. Approved.

**9. Date of the next meeting**

- This was confirmed as **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 at 7.30 pm**

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.