

8TH DECEMBER 2015 PIDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Present: Marie-Claire Nixon (MCN): Chris Weavers (CW): John Galloway (JG): Ken Howard (KH)

Meeting opened by welcoming a new co-opted committee member, Sue Roberts (SR).

256/15 Apologies: Sally Clark

257/15 Minutes of meeting held on 10th November 2015 for approval and signature.

258/15 Matters Arising: none

259/15 Treasurers Report: CW explained for the benefit of SR the village hall accounts and an update on account matters. The Ukulele night has made a good profit; final figure will be known when all expenditure has been settled. Further money has been received from HMRC re Gift Aid.

260/15 Village Hall Fees: A discussion on increasing or not fees for hiring the village hall for the coming New Year. JG suggested that CW complete a Financial Appraisal on costs over previous year and the matter to be discussed further in January 2016.

261/15 11th December Function discussed and all arrangements confirmed by the committee. SR offered to investigate best prices when stock needed replenishing so that best buys could be obtained.

262/15 Future Functions: A full discussion on future events and it was agreed pub nights would be last Friday of every month: 29/1/16: 26/2/15: 25/3/16: 29/4/16: 27/5/16: MCN would start enquiries for a quiz night 13/2/16: Other dates agreed: A Piddington Bake Off 17/4/16: A possible World Book Night on 28/4/16: A Barn Dance 11/6/16: in which MCN had made contact with a suitable band.

263/15 Cider Making Exemption Certificate: JG to carry out further enquiries.

264/15 VH Flower Containers: CW stated that front of house was in need of some cleaning especially the flower containers. The matter was discussed and SR suggested we hold a village spring clean day possibly early April and ask villagers to join in. SR would arrange for a water butt to be made available to collect water for future use on flower containers. A date to be set in at next meeting.

265/15 VH Lighting/Windows/Outside Tap: KH referred to the Village Hall energy audit which was carried out sometime ago by TOE and recommendations this audit made, certain funding was available. Items were lighting and a couple of double glazed windows that were defective. KH suggested that we obtain some estimates from electricians on upgrading the lighting possibly to LED. Matter discussed with a view that the electricians be advised what was required and their views taken also. SR offered to contact a number of electricians and when dates for inspection were known as many committee members as possible would attend. A local glass company would also be contacted regarding the windows. An outside tap was discussed and JG would carry out enquiries.

266/15 Cars in Village Hall Car park/School Bus: CW pointed out that a car parked in the car park had been there for some weeks and had not been moved. The committee were unaware of ownership. MCN

would make owner enquiries. KH also stated that on many occasions, even tonight, 2 other cars were parked in the car park, owners unknown. Also, the School Bus uses the village hall car park twice a day 5 days a week, and has over a long period of time therefore been partly responsible for damage to the tarmac. No agreement with OCC for such use is known. Agreed that KH would make enquiries with the bus driver and OCC on using our property for school collections.

267/15 VH Committee dates: Agreed where possible Committee meetings would be the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Exception January 2016.

268/15 Parish Council Request: MCN stated that she had been contacted by the Parish Council chairm Rosemary Cox, about storage of emergency equipment for village, i.e. a snow plough attachment, generator and other snow clearing equipment, some of this to be shared with Arcott. The PC request that a container described as similar to those used by the military be situated in the village hall grounds for storage of such equipment. Matter discussed and agreed MCN would obtain more information on this matter.

269/15 Any Other Business: KH explained that the village hall marquee that was used by the Pantry for their market on Saturday had suffered damage due to the high winds; it appears that the damaged parts can be replaced as against buying a new marquee. Matter discussed and agreed that The Pantry would have to cover the repairs/replacement. Concerns were raised over who would be responsible for the costs if such an incident happened again and third party damage was caused. KH/CW would raise the issue in January 2016 with The Pantry Committee.

Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m. Next Meeting Tuesday 19th January 2016
7.30 p.m.