

8th SEPTEMBER 2015 PIDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Present; Lynda Willis (LW): John Galloway (JG): Chris Weavers (CW): Sally Clark (SC): Marie-Claire Nixon (MCN): Ken Howard (KH)

184/15 Minutes of meeting held on 11th August 2015, for approval and signature.

185/15 Matters arising; an outstanding village hall hire fee had now been received.

186/15 Treasurers Report: Accounts had been previously circulated. The last Pub night had made a small profit. Hall hire was good and income was up. CW had now received correspondence from HMRC that PVHMC were now registered for Gift Aid. Copies of the correspondence were handed to all committee members for their information and comments. In due course applications would be made to HMRC for Gift Aid donation monies tax refund to be made.

187/15 CLP request: the CLP group had asked for permission to fix an information board in the village hall about the progress etc. of the CLP. This was for hall users and villagers, to be updated on a regular basis. This board only for use during the period the CLP was active. After a short discussion it was decided that the request be granted, the board to be situated on the wall between the two main toilets. The board and fixing was the CLP's responsibility. The village hall committee would also have use of a small area of the board to advertise functions. KH would inform the CLP of this decision.

188/15 Playground update: MCN outlined her meeting with Rachael Pennington regarding the handover of the play area matters to the PVHMC. There were funds in an account, with MCN being one of the signatures. There was a separate constitution, which would be obtained for the committee to view at next meeting, plus other information regarding the funds. The area was checked for safety on a regular basis by Ben Briggs (a villager) of Fantasia. The annual safety inspection is usually made in July, the fee being paid by the PVHMC.

189/15 VH Matters: SC stated that as from 1st October 2015 the front door code lock number would be changed. All users of the hall would be informed of the new code by her prior to this date. Her contact number for hall bookings will now be 07768 873151. KH stated that one of the hall kettles was broken and needed replacing. LW stated she would arrange this. In relation to correspondence between the PVHMC committee and the Architect regarding her fees as presented, LW told the meeting that the suggested correct fee, which it had been agreed at the last meeting to send, had been received by the Architect. This was being disputed. A reply from the Architect indicated that possible litigation action was being considered against the committee, especially the Trustees. There was a lengthy discussion: each committee member gave an opinion in turn and felt they were under duress, and the full fee should be paid. However, the committee agreed to continue the dispute of the total fee submitted. SC felt that a complaint should be registered with the Architect Ombudsman regarding this matter, and she would collect all the necessary information for this action to be taken. In the meantime LW would send the remainder of the fee with a letter explaining what the committee proposed to do.

190/15 Village Hall Floor: KH understood that some members of the committee were not happy with the floor cleaning and varnish work as carried out by KJ Valeting. KH had obtained from KJ Valeting an explanation about the floor condition and what he had done; he had been given approval by KH to purchase additional varnish to complete the work. KH told the committee that he had paid the additional money to purchase further varnish to complete the job, also that the original costing of £250 that had been agreed should be paid. The additional cost of varnish was by way of a donation to the village hall funds by KH. It was decided that in view of the explanation from KJ Valeting that enquiries from other sources are made re maintenance/upkeep of the floor. (The KJ Valeting note would be attached to these minutes.)

191/15 Village Hall Functions: CW stated that he was not sure the Pub night booked for the 30th October was a suitable date due to it being Halloween weekend. The Saturday 31st being Halloween night Pub nights on this day had not been successful. JG suggested that, as intimated by some villagers, the pub night should be every month; he suggested that this should be the 1st Friday of every month. After discussion dates agreed were 2nd October pub night with food; 16th October Nostalgia night with bar; 6th November Pub night with food; 27th November Ukulele band night with Pub: 11th December free bar for thank you night. CW had a small freezer to donate to the hall in good working order, which would help in keeping food for functions.

192/15 Any Other Business: An e-mail had been circulated regarding Piddington Apple day and/or Piddington Apple Juice involving the VH and villagers. Further information was to be gathered.

Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m. Next meeting Tuesday 13th October 2015, at 7.30 p.m.