

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th September 2006 at 7.30 pm in the Council Room at Quorn Village Hall.

PRESENT

Cllr P Child (Chair)
Cllr Mr T Tyler
Cllr J Hutchinson
Cllr Mrs E Harrison

Cllr Mrs J Bloodworth
Cllr Mrs J Backus
Cllr T Stirling

Mrs K Paterson - Clerk to Quorn Parish Council
Mrs B Holland - Administrative assistant

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All present

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Mrs Bloodworth - personal and prejudicial regarding confidential item

3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1st AUGUST 2006**

The minutes of the meeting were signed as a true and accurate record.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Confidential item:

Review of Conditions of Hire: To be discussed at the next meeting.

Drains: Mrs Paterson advised that Dynarod would be carrying out the work on Thursday 14th September 2006.

Noticeboard: Mrs Paterson said that it would not be possible to have a very large noticeboard in the entrance by the kitchen. It was agreed however that as the board would be solely for notices for users of the hall (rather than notices put up by users of the hall) then as large a board as would fit on the wall opposite the door should be requested.

Painting of hall walls: A decision regarding painting of the hall walls was still in abeyance pending the drainage issues.

Centre Stage venue improvements grant scheme: Cllr Stirling advised that it was possible to apply for a grant to include more than one item. He asked the committee to consider including new chairs and said this could be a good time to apply for a larger grant and see how things went. All present felt this was a very good idea considering the condition of the chairs at present in the hall, and it was agreed to request samples and quotations of cost of suitable chairs. Woodhouse Eaves had recently obtained collapsible type chairs and it was suggested a chair be borrowed from them to be looked at. Cllr Stirling will obtain other samples and Mrs Paterson will check ESPO suppliers.

Hall security: It was agreed that users of the hall should be reminded to lock the hall and switch off lights when they leave (even if there was a meeting in progress in the Council Chamber) and also to suggest to them that the door by the kitchen is locked from the outside while the hall was in use (the door would still be safely openable from inside via the crash bar).

5. DECORATION

Village hall flat: Some members had visited the flat to view the state of décor prior to the meeting. Mrs Paterson was asked to check the tenancy agreement to confirm that the Parish Council was responsible for the decorating. Quotations then to be obtained for decorating the walls, providing a new cooker and kitchen cupboards, and flooring. The ceiling also to be looked at. The refurbishment of the flat to be included in any redevelopment plans.

6. FACILITIES

Donation of oven: Mr Maltby is making arrangements to collect the cooker and deliver it to the hall.

Leaking storage container: Mrs Paterson advised that the cost of repairing the roof (sweeping off rust, putting down thick ply wood etc. and felting) would be in the region of £480.00. In the present financial climate discussion was held as to whether the committee could afford to undertake the repair. It was agreed that contact should be made with the 2 groups that use the container to ask if they would make a contribution to the repair as it would be unlikely to happen otherwise.

7. BOOKINGS

Mrs Holland circulated information on bookings.

8. CORRESPONDENCE/COMPLAINTS

Bill Bookman productions: Mrs Paterson has been forwarded details of events available via Bill Bookman productions. The information was passed to Cllr Mrs Bloodworth for information.

Hall acoustics: Cllr Hutchinson advised that he had received a complaint regarding the acoustics in the hall. Other organisations using the hall for musical events had reported how good they thought the acoustics were and therefore the committee felt this should be fed back to the complainant.

'What's on' on parish website: This facility is not being used very often and it was suggested that organisers of suitable events should be advised that their information including contact numbers would be input onto the web at the time of booking, unless they had specifically advised otherwise.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9th October 2006 at 7.30 pm

Chair **Date**.....