

Winsford Village Hall

Minutes of the WVH Committee meeting held on Tuesday 8th September 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present

Sue Hayes (SH) Chairman and Booking Secretary
Steve Hunt (SAH)
Robin Lockwood (RL)
Helen Richardson (HR)
John Titcombe (JT)
Dave Williams (DW)
Ian Whybrow (IW)

1. **Apologies**

None

2. **Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26/06/15 were approved and duly signed by SH.

3. **Matters arising from the meeting held on 26/06/15.**

Signing of Minutes - see item 2 above.

Item closed

Windows Update. The committee expressed its satisfaction with the new windows in the main hall. Exmoor Windows was complimented on the work done and in particular the finishing. The invoice has been paid.

Item closed

Winsford Woodbees(WW) The action to sort the costumes and action taken as thought appropriate remains outstanding.

Action RL&SH

New committee members – still needed

Action All

Grant money - purchase of new equipment. IW has spoken again with Mike Hillier who remains keen to restart a table tennis club (probably on Sunday evenings to start after the clocks go back). It was agreed that IW would speak again with Mike, reconfirm his interest and authorise the purchase of an additional table tennis table and decent bats. **Action IW**

“Redundant” amateur dramatic funds – IW believes the money (£xxxx) is now in the current account (but not included in the figures presented at item 4 below). It was agreed this fund would be ring fenced to support “performance” based activities in the VH.

Item closed

WiFi in the WVH. It was agreed that the VH would support a trial period (based on the minimum available from BT) to a maximum of £xxxx. This would be reviewed after the trial period to see if the availability of WiFi in the VH attracts additional lettings. SAH would raise this at the next WPC meeting (28/09/15) and invite the Parish Council to finance the balance.

Action SAH

SAH would continue to investigate whether there are opportunities that the VH and other businesses in the village might exploit, if WiFi was available in the VH.

Action SAH

Updating the village website with 1 off events - see item 6 below

Activity Schedule actions – see item 7 below

Stoggymen update – see item 9 below.

4. **Treasurer's Report** - IW provided a written financial update as follows:-

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5. **Secretary's Report**

SAH advised that most items had been covered in item 3 above. Additionally he had received a questionnaire from WSC relating to Food Safety & Hygiene in the VH. SH was asked to complete.

Action SH

SAH asked the meeting to approve his existing practice of deleting all financial information from the version of the minutes which are posted on the village website. This was agreed.

6. **Website update & Marketing**

Full details of the 1 off events listed in item 9 to be uploaded on to the village website.

Action HR

7. **Activity Schedule review**

In accordance with our risk management procedure this was updated; actions agreed and will be circulated with the minutes.

Action SAH

8. **2015 Show & Fete (08/08/15).**

In giving an overview of this year's fete, SH thanked everybody who had supported the event. The good weather had helped making a record profit of £xxxx (last year's profit was £yyyy). All the attractions did well, in particular the raffle. It was generally felt that the public address system would have benefitted from some music being played, whilst announcements weren't being made.

Further, SAH said that he had been advised various people had asked which organisation benefitted from the profit and what it was used for. It was agreed that this would be made clearer on the village website – this year it being used as a substantial contribution to the replacement cost of the new VH windows.

9. **Future events**

- Brenda's Benefice Night – 02/10/15
- Exmoor Garland Umber Music – booked for 17/10/15. They will charge £xxx and go xxx on the balance of ticket sales. It was agreed that we would charge £7 pp and have a cash wine bar. Time 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Licence required.

Action SAH

- Stoggymen – booked for 23/10/15. 7.00pm for 7.30pm. They will charge £xxxx pp in the audience, with a minimum of £xxxx and would be looking for a free supper (for 7/8 persons). The money will be given to a charity of their choice. We will charge £5 pp, with everyone invited to bring their own food and drink. The Committee would provide supper for the Stoggymen. The performance consists of 2 sessions of about 35 - 40 minutes with a break for refreshments in between. The length of the break is up to us. They do not have a template for an advertising notice. The programme is a series of country, popular and self composed songs and jokes, so should suit all tastes.

- Somerset Touring Opera – booked for 13/11/15. They will be doing a revue based upon the works of George Gershwin. As usual, they just want refreshments and a xxxx share of ticket money. We will charge £12 to include a glass of wine and canapés. A licence is required.

Action SAH

10. **AOB**

None

11. **Date of next meetings**

The next meeting will be held on 20/10/15 at 7.30pm to discuss future events only. The next full meeting will be held on 12/01/16.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Steve Hunt – Secretary
24/09/15