

Minutes of meeting held at the Jubilee Hall on Monday 26 January 2009

Present: John Sullivan, Sarah Gleadell, Philip Kershaw, Sandie Wells, Roger Barrett, Marjorie Fowler, Norman Good, Kate Langridge, Paula Bramley Ball, Trish Baxter, Daren Milton

1. **Apologies:** Janet Smart, John Loaring, Jacqui George, Sarah Love
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved
3. **Approval of Minutes:** approved
4. **Co-option of new committee member, Daren Milton:** Unanimously voted in and welcomed

Treasurer's Report: Phil Kershaw reported that hall income is holding up well. New thermostat has been installed to give minimum temp. of 10° C. Oil bill up, hopefully new fans will reduce.

5. **Booking Secretary's Report:** Sandie Wells reported that we now have 13 regular groups. She provided a chart (attached) showing increase in hourly use over past 4 years: we are now nearing that of when we still had the playgroup. Tai Chi closing, at least temporarily: v. keen group of 6, but not enough to keep going. Discussed possibility of running it ourselves but public liability insurance would be too expensive. Suggestion that they should sign waivers: Phil Kershaw said these are not legally binding. Additional bookings for December brought up income, which included church family services.
6. **Replacement pictures:** John Sullivan is in final stages of sorting these out with Annie Dent: they will be up within a week or so. John Chance, another photographer is keen to display some of his work. It was agreed that some of these can be hung in the meeting room.
7. **'Awards for All' Application:** John Sullivan reported that our grant application for ceiling fans and outdoor lighting has been approved. John Sullivan, Rod Wells and Phil Kershaw to liaise over purchase and installation of same.
8. **Computer Training:** John Sullivan is running two courses in February, both fully booked, and another repeat course in March (also fully booked). He is not charging for his time, so hall will benefit from all fees received. He now has got back the hall computers. Annie Dent has expressed interested in running photography courses: public liability would be a problem again, as she would be charging a fee.
9. **Fund Raising 2009:** Sarah Gleadell reported that Leigh House now on the market and in any case feeling is that we should not have another large party along those lines this year. She suggested that we might run occasional themed suppers (Italian, French or anything else): a few committee members could rope in other villagers to cook the food (they would be reimbursed for ingredients). People would come in groups as per Leigh House, with prizes for best table decoration. They would bring own drink and glasses. Hall to provide plates and cutlery. It was agreed that Kate Langridge and Sarah would try to recruit other potential cooks. 60 plus people paying £10 each a head for 2-course meal. Raffle would raise another £100 or so which should cover cost of ingredients. **Suggestions and offers of help requested – contact Kate or Sarah.** Provisional date of **Saturday May 9th** booked for first dinner.
10. **Lottery Update.** Phil Kershaw reported that we are up to last year's numbers already, with a month still to go for selling tickets. John Sullivan to pursue last year's buyers who haven't signed up. Relcalcitrant committee members please get your skates on!
11. **Report on meeting with Head of Rural Development DEFRA.** John Sullivan attended. He voiced complaint that halls receive no government help or concessions with running costs.
12. **AOB.** Trish Baxter brought up subject of hall name board. Kate Langridge promised to bring this up with Colin Langridge and John Houston, who originally said they would make it, and try to come up with a

completion date. Trish Baxter also said that some people, who do not have their own computers so cannot download it from internet, had complained at last AGM at being asked to pay £1 for the annual report. John Sullivan said that it costs him more than this to produce. It was agreed that 2 copies should be kept in the hall for people to read but not remove.

Dates for Future Meetings: Ordinary meeting on Monday 23rd March , again at NEW EARLIER TIME OF 6 P.M. Please also note that the Pre AGM meeting will be held on 27th April. AGM on 1st June 2009