

## Minutes of Ordinary meeting held at The Jubilee Hall, Monday 22 November 2010, at 6 p.m.

**Present:** John Sullivan, Phil Kershaw, Sandy Wells, Marj Fowler, Norman Good, Trish Baxter, Daren Milton., Janet Smart, Kate Langridge **Apologies:** Sarah Gleadell, Paula Bramley Ball, Janet Hendon, Karen Hodgeson

1. **Approval of Agenda** Approved
2. **Approval of Minutes of last meeting** Approved and Signed

3. **Booking Secretary's report:** Sandy Wells circulated report for 2010 to date compared with previous years. Situation reported in last Minutes continues with fewer hours being booked. The meeting discussed possible reasons, but no clear underlying reason could be identified.

It was good to see, from the overall village perspective that the Social Club was organising itself well, and was running a lively programme of events which would appeal especially to the younger members of the community. This, it was felt, was not taking bookings from the hall, as the Jubilee Hall was not so suitable for the type of events that were being organised, the absence of a bar being just one factor.

It seemed likely that a good deal of support that traditionally came from Davies Close community was becoming thinner as the residents became older, and fewer than previously had their roots in Winsham. This is also true for a number of long established village organisations. For example, the traditional fund raising Coffee Mornings, a regular source of bookings, had almost disappeared.

The number of events being organised is fewer and often it seems that fewer people are attending the events that are being held. This was reflected in the poor attendance at the October 'Take Art' event that involved the Hall in a loss of nearly two hundred pounds. Careful consideration would be needed before booking further 'Take Art' events, if this facility does not disappear altogether with proposed Local Authority funding cuts to the Arts.

Computer classes, which had contributed quite substantially to revenue, had also fallen away as the demand for training among older people had diminished.

The difficult economic climate might well also be a contributing factor, especially for events such as 'Take Art' with fairly high ticket cost, which took place on the same week-end as another major village event.

The growth in home entertainment, which was low cost, is another factor in the equation.

It was agreed that the Hall should consider return to becoming more 'pro-active' in organising its own events, and the Committee were asked to think about the problem and hopefully have some ideas for consideration at the next meeting.

A comment had been made by a member of the village community to a committee member concerning the banning of Stiletto heels as being a reason for our not attracting more adult party bookings. This was discussed, but it was agreed that this booking condition should not be changed.

4. **Treasurer's Report.** Phil Kershaw reported that despite the turndown revenue is still balancing the day-to-day outgoings of the Hall. New oil tank and paving by gate redone. Fencing round oil tank will cost £300 plus cost of panels. The Treasure requested the Certification of the Annual Return of the Jubilee Hall Annual Lottery that is required to be made to the Somerset District Council. This was done by Mrs K. Langridge and Mrs J .Smart. The document will be forwarded to Sarah Gleadell, the Lottery Promoter to be forwarded to the Local Authority.

### 5. Fundraising:

1. **New Lottery 2011.** The 2011 Lottery will be launched in January 2011. The Post Mistress has agreed to handle the across-the-counter sales of tickets, as in previous years. The Committee is indebted to her for this kindness and cooperation. The Prize structure would remain unchanged.

2. **Future Plans.** Little progress has been made in the organisation of the Theme Evening planned for January/February. JS is to discuss the situation with Sarah Gleadell, with the possibility of postponing the event for a few months.

### 6. Maintenance

1. **Damp area between hall and next door house.** The work has been completed.

7. JS reported that steps were being undertaken to sell four of the five PCs owned by the Hall, due to the lack of demand for basic computer training, as referred to in 3 above.  
He also reported that the Hall had achieved considerable savings in managing to get its Broadband Tariff changed to residential status from a commercial one, in view of its limited use. It was felt that although this facility was not heavily used at present, Broadband services had become so ubiquitous that it is becoming very desirable for this facility to be available in Village Halls. One PC would be kept and maintained, together with the Digital Projector and the DVD Player.
8. JS reported on an investigation into the possibility of a Photo Voltaic installation at the Jubilee Hall. Although a more detailed study was needed to arrive at a considered conclusion, the initial results indicated that it would not be a worthwhile proposition at present. JS invited any members of the committee who had an interest to undertake a more thorough investigation and report back. Difficulties as far as he could see revolved mainly around the aspect of the hall, length of capital recovery times, the current grant situation, doubts about the ability to raise essential funds locally, the probability of substantial improvements in the equipment available in the reasonably near future and Local Authority Planning considerations in a protected area. However this is a matter that should be kept under regular review. Local Authority Fact sheets were circulated.

### 9. Lottery Last Quarter Draw

<b>Oct</b>	<b>Winning Number</b>	<b>Name of Winner</b>
£25	54	George Evans
£10	83	Pam Rawlings
No. 129	77	Betty Jeffery
<b>Nov</b>		
£25	124	Jean Spurdle
£10	58	Richard Rose
No. 130	68	J. Paull
<b>Dec.</b>		
£25	63	Brian Spence
£10	33	Anna Manning
No. 1 (2011)	120	Dennis Paull
£50 SPECIAL	92	Sarah Gleadell

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 14th February 2010 AT 6 P.M.**