

**MINUTES OF THE TACKLEY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON MON DAY, 29TH JANUARY, 2001, AT 8.00 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Mr. J. Howard (in the Chair), Mr. R. Clow, Mr. N. Ward, Mr. R. Banbury, Mrs. P. Thompson

APOLOGIES: Mrs. J. Bishop

Also present: Ms Barbara Vaughan & Mrs. Ruth Plucknet representing the Village Shop Committee.

The meeting began with Ms Vaughan and Mrs. Plucknet outlining plans for the proposed new village shop. They brought along drawings showing proposed alterations to the Village Hall and had also obtained a site plan from the district council. There were three options to consider. The first was an integrated development between the Village Hall and shop whereby the two organisations would work to get sources of money in order to accommodate a shop at the front corner of the hall, plus an enclosed seating area and rearrangement of amenities within the hall. The second option suggested was to have a separate shop with a walk way through, having separate lease and the third option was to go ahead with a shop and put on hold the development of the village hall.

Ms Vaughan has talked to Dave Robson and he suggested that the Shop Committee tries to get a firm of architects to oversee building work.

Mr. Howard asked how fund raising was envisaged and Ms Vaughan replied that external money would be needed.

Mr. Banbury brought up the subject of management of the property. The whole property would be under the management of the Tackley Village Hall Management Committee. Technically it would belong to the village hall but the shop would pay only a peppercorn rent. The outside maintenance of the property would be under the responsibility of the Village Hall Committee.

There is to be a public meeting regarding the shop on 27th February, the day after the Village Hall AGM, where it is hoped to raise support from the village.

The Village Hall Committee is in favour of the proposed scheme but would need to look at how this will happen and at the public meeting and the AGM would need to tell the village that more people are needed on the Village Hall Committee.

Following the above discussion Ms Vaughan and Mrs. Plucknet left and the meeting continued as under.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 30th October were read and approved.

MATTERS ARISING:

Structural work to back storeroom: Plans put on hold until after AGM.

New crockery: Still not purchased but Mr. Clow and Mr. Howard are looking into this.

Decoration of hall: The decoration of the main hall has been completed very satisfactorily at a cost of £2,436.23, which has been paid, however the painting of the staircase by the Parish Council and the entrance hall by the Scouts is still to be completed.

Stair lift: Mr. Clow had received a reply from the Fire Officer explaining that this would not be acceptable as the staircase is too narrow.

HOUSE:

Mr. Clow has obtained estimates to repair and refurbish toilets at a cost of £1,170.38 and had also obtained an estimate for fixing tiles and doors in toilets and also broken window in hall at a cost of £221.50. It was proposed by Mr. Banbury and seconded by Mr. Clow that we should go ahead and get the necessary work done.

The rear store door has been repaired.

The new Public Entertainments Licence has been received.

A full electrical inspection is now required. Mr. Clow will arrange this.

The First Aid Kit is to be replaced.

The hall floor is to be sealed over the Easter period so no one should be allowed to use the hall.

It was brought up that the hall had been left in a poor state following two private parties recently. The hirers in question had both been charged an extra £10 for extra cleaning involved.

BOOKINGS:

The Caretaker had learnt that the Scouts had intended an overnight stay in the village hall following a romp. It was agreed by the Committee that the Caretaker should not have to make decisions regarding such events, they should be brought up at meeting. In this instance the overnight stay should not be allowed.

Mr. Finnemore had sent a letter requesting to book the hall for two parties, one on 7th July and one on 31st December. It was agreed that these should be allowed with finishing times of 11.45 pm on 7th July and 1.00 a.m. on New Years Day following party on 31st December. Permission for the consumption of alcohol was given but Mr. Finnemore would be informed that the licence should be obtained by the publican.

An application has been received regarding a booking for County Council elections on 3rd May. The booking fee would normally be £235 however it was agreed to charge £165 as previously.

FUND RAISING: Quiz night had been a most enjoyable success.

ACCOUNTS: Mr. Clow, the Treasurer, reported that most of the money had been received

for the last quarter.

Mr. Clow has produced balance sheets for the year ending 31.12.00. These show hirings have been subsidised by 12%. Generally funds are in good order.

Mr. Clow was thanked for all his hard work in producing accounts.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The secretary was asked to write and thank Mr. Schickt for donating the Christmas tree.

A letter would be sent to the Parish Council asking them to extend the lease presently enjoyed by the Village Hall Management Committee to 99 years in view of the likelihood of a shop extension to the Village Hall. They would also be asked if the Council, as a body would be prepared to act as trustees of the Village Hall. This was proposed by Mr. Clow and seconded by Mr. Ward.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

F. J. Howard

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