

# Redlake Valley Village Hall

## Committee Meeting

Held on Tuesday, 12 January 2010 at 7.30pm

### Present

Richard Barthram  
Ian & Liz Campbell  
Jane & Julian Kent (Treasurer)  
Michael Macturk  
James Middleton (Chairman)  
Christine Page (Secretary)  
Jim Rogers  
Steve & Vi Sherring  
Kim & Sheila Smith  
Becky Whitton

### Apologies

Beryl & Barry Palmer  
Helena Lane

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#### 1. **Matters Arising**

**a. Stage Backdrop** – this item is in hand but on hold pending the return of Di Cosgrove from her winter travels. Jane Kent to follow up with Di upon her return.

**b. Gents urinals privacy** – it was agreed that the self-closure on the door was providing adequate privacy to gents using the urinals, no further action required.

**c. Hall clock** – the hall clock was not working despite new batteries. Julian Kent proposed a new radio operated clock be bought, costing around £20, seconded by Jane Kent, carried. Julian to purchase.

**d. Permanent Notice / Advertising Board** – the secretary reported that Jeremy Jameson was in the process of making the notice board and it just needed to be painted before being put up.

**e. Hall heaters** – The Chairman took would bring steps and adjust the angle of the heaters to see if this helped spread the heat more evenly.

#### 2. **Finances – Treasurer's Report**

The hall currently has £2,639.99 in funds. However, less ring-fenced items the total funds available for general use are £1,794.98 versus £2,442.89 at the start of the financial year (1 May 2009). The funds are down as a Food & Flicks event usually boosts income before the end of the financial year. This year, however, the Food & Flicks event will not be held until May, so we can expect the hall funds to close down on last year.

#### 3. **Hall Maintenance / Improvements**

**a. Floor refurbishment, table trolley & cutlery** – purchased & completed.

- b. **Fast Fold tool** – has been requested to assist those who have difficulty folding the new tables. It was agreed that one should be purchased at a cost of £10. The secretary to action.
- c. **Housekeeping** – decorations to be taken down & given to Beryl Palmer to store. [Note: this was done immediately following the meeting.] Hall clean to be arranged – it was agreed this should be done in the spring, around May.
- d. **New notice board** – a new weatherproof notice board has been put up in the car park. There was concern the key would be lost – the secretary took the action to securely attach it to the notice board.
- e. **Entrance doors** – the Chairman raised that the main entrance doors are rotting away. They have been shored up temporarily but will need replacing. The secretary took the action to get a quote for replacement and also look for any possible grants that might pay for part or all of the replacement.
- f. **Any other maintenance or improvements?** – not now but the Chairman noted that we were still without the Ladies, Gents and Disabled signs on the toilet doors. The secretary to follow up with Jemima Jameson who is making them.

#### 4. Village Hall sub-committee updates

- a. **Entertainment committee** – has met once to take over from Kim Smith. Liz Campbell is the new Arts Alive co-ordinator and Christine Page the new Flicks co-ordinator.
- b. **History group** – Michael Macturk has got the 1901 census and would be translating it in due course. Rankin Lewis had requested to join the group and has a lot of historic information that will be very useful. More to come once Patrick Cosgrove is back from his winter travels.
- c. **Bryneddin Wood group** – Michael Macturk reported that the group was still trying to find out who the owners of all the quilletts were. Michael also pointed out that, although the establishment of the History group and Bryneddin Wood group had been agreed by the committee last year, they had not been formally set up as sub-committees of the Village Hall committee. Jim Rogers proposed this and it was seconded by Kim Smith and carried unanimously.
- d. **Hodre Pond** – Ian Campbell reported that the coppicing of the sycamore was successfully underway.

#### 5. Parish Council

- a. **Two new councillors from Chapel Lawn** – Beryl Palmer and Christine Page were co-opted to the Parish Council last month. Any local issues please let one or other of them know.
- b. **Parish Plan** – the parish plan has been published and all residents and local businesses should have a copy. Ian Campbell noted that he hadn't received a copy – Kim Smith had some spares and would get him one. The Parish Plan, which contains a list of aspirations of the local community, has been handed over to the Parish Council to action. Those aspirations now need to be prioritised and, where feasible, actioned. The committee members were encouraged by Christine Page to look through the Parish Plan and make known their priorities.

6. **Village Hall Premises Licence**

The secretary is following up with Shropshire Council on how to assign the premises licence to the whole committee rather than one named member.

7. **Any Other Business**

- a. **Neighbourhood watch** – Steve Sherring reported that there were still some funds available if and when needed. He also reported that things had been very quiet and no email alerts had been sent out. He would now formally hand over his and Vi's responsibilities to Helena Lane.
- b. **First Aid Course** – Steve Sherring asked if people would be interested in attending a first aid course run by the Red Cross or St John's Ambulance – there were several people interested. Steve to look into it and revert.

**The date of the next meeting, the AGM, was set for: Tuesday 8 June at 7.30pm**

The meeting closed at 8.30pm and was followed by an enthusiastic social gathering despite the freezing weather and thickening snow outside.