

Redlake Valley Village Hall Extraordinary Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 5 September 2007 at 7.30pm

Present

Richard Barthram (Vice Chairman)
Ian Campbell
Julian Kent (Treasurer)
James Middleton (Chairman)
Christine Page (Secretary)
David Price
Steven Sherring
Kim Smith
Becky Whitton

Apologies

Liz Campbell
Jane Kent
Vi Sherring
Sheila Smith

Matters Arising

1 The minutes of the last AGM were not discussed

2 Village Hall Electrical Inspection

The chairman reported that Malcolm Layton had undertaken an electrical inspection of the village hall on Tuesday, 4 September.

The good news:

All circuits were tested and most passed

The bad news:

- Some cabling needs to be replaced, including the earth to outside lights and the lighting circuit, which is old-fashioned
- The earth wire also needs to be heavier gauge
- The consumer unit that feeds heaters had melted down, due to it working at 19.5 amps with a 20 amp breaker. It needs to be replaced with a larger 6 way unit with only two heaters on each breaker (MCB). The heaters are currently disconnected for safety reasons
- A new 21 way consumer unit needs to be installed for all the other services (ie excluding the heaters) including the power sockets & kitchen
- Wiring to each of the consumer units needs to be redone

The estimated cost to remedy the above is £900-£1,000 but it was not sure if this included VAT or not. This figure did not include the cost of his initial inspection

Ian Campbell suggested that the earthing should be checked as an earth spike, as current, does not trip out as quickly as a neutral switch (earth connected to the neutral)

The chairman reported that should the above work be completed then all major rewiring will have been

Actions

JM to check if quote included VAT or not

JM to discuss earth options with Mr Layton

completed in the hall given that the kitchen was rewired recently

Kim Smith reported that he had contacted the Clun Parish Council in relation to obtaining some funds for the village hall. This request has been put on the agenda for the next Clun meeting. The funds, estimated to be a few hundred pounds, might be used towards the remedial electrical work

KS to report following next Clun mtg

Steve Sherring proposed that Mr Layton be asked to complete the work post haste. Seconded by Richard Barthram

JM to speak to Mr Layton about getting the work completed

Kim Smith requested that, if possible, the work should be completed by the next Flixs in the Sticks, which is on Saturday 15 September

JM to see if the work can be completed by Sat 15 Sept

3 **Hall Improvements – New Tables**

The chairman reported that 10 new tables had been purchased and were now available for use in the hall

The chairman wanted to make clear to the committee that at the last meeting Christine Page had not only offered to make a donation to the village hall for the old trestle tables but that she would return them to the hall if required. Steve Sherring proposed that CP take the tables on that basis. Seconded by Kim Smith

CP to remove old trestle tables from hall & make donation

4 **Chapel Lawn Newsletter**

The chairman reported that Jane Kent had proposed the Chapel Lawn newsletter be re-established with Christine Page and Becky Whitton responsible for its development, content, printing and distribution (via Barry post)

An initial meeting is to be held with Jane, Becky, Christine and Michael Macturk, who has always been a keen supporter of the newsletter

JK to arrange mtg

5 **Money Raising**

Any other fund raising ideas were requested

All

6 **Hall Improvements – Refurbishment of Toilets**

Despite the potential cost of the remedial electrical work it was agreed that the chairman should continue to discuss the possible refurbishment of the toilets with Garath Davis

JM

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

No future meeting was arranged