

ICKLETON VILLAGE HALL

Précis of minutes for Management Committee Meeting held on 27 January 2014 at 8pm.

Sale of Piano - The piano had been sold for £600 to Rohna Kearney and Raj Mathur, who live at No. 4 Frogge Street. The Chairman wished to record her thanks to Rob Jeffery, who had played the piano to the prospective buyers.

General Maintenance:

Car Park – Hole – The new residents at No. 2 Frogge Street had reported a hole, which had appeared in the car park near the back entrance to their property. They had covered the hole with a sign left in car park and put a brick on it. The Chairman had been to see them and they had given her a plan, which showed that there was an old septic tank in the area. Lewis Duke suggested that the Chairman contacted the company (Clearaul) who did the work on the car park as they could put rods down to see how deep/large the hole was. It was agreed that the hole should be filled in.

General repairs/redecorating – The entrance hall was in need of redecoration. There was a square patch in the floor in the meeting room, which had moved due to it being wet – reason unknown. It has now dried out and the Chairman suggested that she get in touch with John Pattie to ask him to repair the damage. All agreed to this proposal. Jocelyn Flitton suggested John Sloper with regard to redecorating the entrance hall. David Mathias volunteered to speak to Mr Sloper to enquire about his availability.

Purchase of hand dryer – The Chairman had purchased a new hand dryer at a cost of £129.95 + VAT and had fitted. As it was a public building it did not require a qualified electrician, although this had been the case in installing the dryer. Fitting costs £40.

Cutting of Hedge - The Chairman had contacted Dominic Pallett who had come back with a quotation of £120 exc. VAT to cut the hedge and take away the cuttings. It was unanimously agreed to accept the quotation.

Garden and general tidy up around the Hall – The Chairman will e-mail a suggested date later on when the weather has improved.

SCDC Implementation of the Controlled Waste Regulations 2012: A letter had been received from SCDC stating that as a result of the change in legislation from April 1st 2013 a collections and disposal charge will be levied on all waste from premises which are hired out for private functions. This means it will include the Village Hall. The Chairman is trying to ascertain the actual amount it will incur, as these figures will need to be considered/incorporated into the Hire Rates.

Fund Raising Events: There were no such events currently in the pipeline. As previously discussed it was agreed to hold an ‘Open Day’ on Saturday 5th April. The Chairman will write to all the users inviting them to come along and demonstrate their Class outlining the open times. Refreshments will be served.

Correspondence: David Whitaker had received a phone call from St John’s College School in Cambridge asking if they could use the Village Hall Car Park at 7.45am to pick up children in a mini bus. It was agreed to give this a trial period of either half or whole term and to say a donation for the hall would be appreciated.

Any Other Business:

Martin Northfield reported that a lady had fallen during a Badminton match and broken her wrist. He had completed and passed on the relevant Accident Form.

David Mathias said the Ickleton Cricket Club had expanded as would be playing on Wednesdays, Saturdays as well as Sundays. They were setting up an Ickleton Lion Cubs team to encourage/teach youths to play cricket. They currently have a problem with storage of two kit bags. There was room in the Changing Room for a cupboard (floor to ceiling) to be built to house these and other equipment e.g. tennis. The Cricket Club will pay and organise the installation of the cupboards.

Hedley Igglesden reported that a yellow jack ball had disappeared. David Mathias volunteered to make enquiries as he is visiting the Sports Shop in Saffron Walden.

The Chairman reported that Andrew Shepperd was in possession of a picture of Ickleton Station, which he wanted to hang in the village hall together with a large Enclosure Map.

The Chairman said that Chris Collinson of the Ickleton Lion would like to display the Cricket Club shields that were currently hanging in the small room adjacent to the kitchen. It was agreed to give them on loan (on condition they are returned to Ickleton Village Hall should the Cricket Club fold or the pub changes hands). They need to be photographed and recorded by Ickleton Society before they are given to Ickleton Lion.

The Chairman said that the Theatre Group had a Travelling Shakespeare Company coming to Ickleton on 25th August 2014 and will perform in the grounds of The Old Vicarage. If wet, they will perform in the Village Hall.

Date of next meeting: Monday 28th April 2014 at 8pm