

Whimble Victory Hall

Minutes of the meeting of the Trustees held on Monday 17th November 2008.

Present:

John Discombe	Chairman (Representative Parish Council)
Arthur Iball	Vice chairman (Representative Over 60s)
David Myers	Treasurer
Vicky Clough	Minutes Secretary
David Rastall	Representative Whimble PCC
Lis Roberts	Representative W I
Jude Carter	Representative Whimble Pre School
Danny Bratt	Representative VPA
Margaret Bucknell	Representative Whimble History Society
Maria Wallis	Representative Whimble Primary School

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from: Alison Tierney, George Begent, Pam Scanlan, Bob Scanlan, Sylvia Broom & John Williams.

2. Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2008 were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman. This was proposed by Margaret Bucknell and seconded by Vicky Clough.

3. Matters arising:

3.1.1 Soup n Sarnie 15th November - Thanks to those who helped. A terrific effort and very well attended with between 50 and 60 lunches being served. Thanks to those who stayed to help with cleaning. It was a long day and some members of the committee were at the Hall from 9.15am until 3.30pm. The profit from this month's Soup 'n' Sarnie is approximately £110.

3.1.2 Village Day - John has been and will continue to talk to other village organisations to get a Village Day Committee together. John is happy to get this started but does not want to take it on at the moment with the works continuing at the hall. Margaret Bucknell suggested setting a date for a meeting.

3.2 There were no further matters arising.

4. Correspondence:

A letter has been received from Whimble History Society requesting they be considered for reduced hire charge rates. It was unanimously agreed that Whimble History Society would be given the standard rate when the new pricing comes into effect in January 2009.

A letter has been sent to Brenda Flood thanking the Thirsty Farmer Crib Team for their donation of £48.

5. Maintenance:

Trees: 2 quotes have been received for the arboricultural work:

D R M Williams - £352.50

John Stamp - £480

The advice given is that the work be carried out in May. May Half Term 2009 was suggested to avoid any disruption to the running of sessions by Whimble Pre School.

John agreed to make contact with D R M Williams (Daniel 07974 385834) to accept the quote and book the work for May 2009.

Roof Timbers - a report was tabled on behalf of Bob Scanlan regarding the condition of the Victory Hall roof timbers. During the current improvement work, woodworm and wet rot have been discovered in some of the roof timbers. Some of the roof timbers need replacing as a matter of urgency and this will be undertaken whilst the builders are on site. It will also be necessary to treat the wood worm before it spreads further. A copy of the report was given to the committee members present and a copy is attached to the minutes held on file.

Donation of ventilation equipment: John informed the committee that he had been given a very generous offer from someone in the village to donate not only ventilation equipment for the new toilets but also the offer of an engineer to visit the hall to advise with a further donation of ventilation equipment which can be installed in the roof to improve the air circulation and therefore stop the condensation forming that has caused the wet rot.

Insulation/Grants: EDDC are to be contacted to investigate the possibility of obtaining a grant for insulation. David advised the committee that he will be attending an information session run by the Community Council for Devon on funding and grants this week.

6. Treasurer's Report:

Buildings and maintenance account	£12763.22
Current account	£218.18
Deposit account	£160.37
Outstanding invoices	£583.21
Sales Invoices up to 01/11/08	£1013.87
Uncleared Cheques (credits)	£648.66
Uncleared Cheques (debits)	£5306.36

7. Booking Secretary's Report:

Vicky Clough read Alison Tierney's report in her absence. Bookings for this month are quite steady. Most users of the hall have not complained during the alterations work and have been very understanding; just the odd few have made a fuss.

Dates have been arranged to run 3 classes by Sarah Pepper in the run up to Christmas.

Bookings for 2009 are now getting busy and include a wedding reception in January.

From January 2009 Soup 'n' Sarnie will have to be every 4th week as there are already a lot of bookings on the 3rd weeks of some of the months.

8. Update Report on building work from Bob Scanlan:

A report prepared by Bob Scanlan was given to those present at the meeting and read out in his absence by John Discombe - a copy is attached to the minutes held on file.

John informed the committee of the issues that had arisen with the school during the alterations work. These included the noise and dust. The school decided not to use the hall during the first week of the alterations despite the efforts of many to clean the premises. John invited a member of Devon County Council to inspect the hall after it was reported to DCC that the hall was "contaminated". DCC failed to attend. In view of this a letter will be sent to the School by David Myers to inform them that there will not be a reduction in their invoice for November as the hall was deemed fit for use.

John explained the planned work in the Billiard Room for the benefit of Jude Carter the new representative member for Whimble Pre School.

Maria Wallis thanked Bob Scanlan, John Discombe and others involved in the alterations work for their hard work.

9. Any other business:

Digital Photography Course - John Discombe informed the committee that Ali Tierney had been in contact with COSMIC who will be running a digital photography course in the Committee Room at the Victory Hall on Tuesday 13th January 2009. This would be the first opportunity to see how the hall could now be used following the completion of the alterations. The School will be using the Main Hall and the course will be run in the Committee Room. There will be 8-10 places and the course fee will be £27:50 for the day to include coffee and lunch. If this is over subscribed then another date could be arranged.

Sound Proofing - It was suggested that whilst the building work is in progress a quote be obtained to sound proof the wall between the Committee Room and the Main Hall. John Discombe agreed he would speak to the builders about this tomorrow (18th November).

Open Morning - It was suggested that it might be nice to have a coffee morning or similar in the New Year so that the people of Whimble can come along and see the improvements and also give them the opportunity to make further suggestions for improvements and the type of activities they would like to see offered at the Village Hall.

Date of next meeting: Monday 12th January 2009.

The meeting finished at approximately 9.30pm