

# Whimble Victory Hall

Minutes of the meeting of the Trustees held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2006

## Present

John Discombe	Chairman
Pam Scanlan	Secretary
George Begent	Treasurer
Fiona Randall	Bookings Secretary
Danny Bratt	Representative VPA
Arthur Iball	Representative over 60's
David Rastall	Representative PCC
Vicky Clough	Representative Pre-school and Toddlers
Ian Hardcastle	Representative History Society
Bob Scanlan	Elected Member
Teresa Daniels	Elected Member
Sylvia Broom	Elected Member

**1. Apologies:** John Williams. Helen Penney. Mandy Fielding. Lis Roberts.

The Chairman welcomed Vicky Clough as the Pre-school Rep., and Ian Hardcastle as the History Society Rep.

## 2. Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2006 were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman. This was proposed by George Begent and seconded by David Rastall.

## 3. Matters arising:

- 3.1.1 Cleaning of hall by school. No progress. Still not being cleaned at end of day. John Discombe has spoken to Chris Williams again. A meeting will be arranged with the headteacher to sort out this and other outstanding issues. **Action: PLS**
- 3.1.2 Soup and sarnie 18<sup>th</sup> Feb.: Very successful. The profit was £190.70. Thanks to all who helped. The next one will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> March. More helpers would be welcome.
- 3.1.3 Hall ceiling: The kitchen ceiling is already going black due to condensation. John Discombe still has to contact Geoff Delve about the hall roof. **Action JD**
- 3.1.4 Pricing sub cttee: A meeting is yet to be arranged. **Action: GB**
- 3.1.5 School shed: This will be discussed at the meeting with the school.

There were no further matters arising.

## 4. Maintenance:

John Williams has been ill so Bob Scanlan gave his report.

- The tree near the oil tank needs to be removed, also the oak trees and the tree near the fence which is close to a resident's garage. John Discombe will contact Simon Major. **Action JD**
- The gutter is leaking and this is thought to be because it is not fixed at the correct angle.
- The wire fence between the school and the hall is not yet complete. John Discombe to ask Brian Carter to do this. **Action JD**
- There are no locks on the ladies toilets.
- The hall sign needs re-fixing.
- Special fluorescent light tubes are available which automatically provide emergency lighting in the event of a break in supply. It was suggested we contact Simon O'Dell regarding costs.

**Action JD**

## 5. Correspondence:

- John Discombe has received details of a floor cleaner that he has seen demonstrated. He was very impressed with the result on the hall floor. However as the cost ranges between £2460 and £3517 it was decided that it is too expensive. We would look into the cost of hiring a machine to thoroughly clean all the floors. **Action PLS**

## 6. Treasurer's Report:

Current account balance	£ 708.75
Deposit account balance	£8776.87
Uncleared cheques(debits)	£ 386.60
Uncleared cheques (credits)	£ 259.31

## 7. Booking Secretary's report:

The hall is very busy,.

Four TENS (temporary event notices) will have been issued in the first six months of our licence.

## 8. Plans for the Future:

John Discombe opened a discussion about the future of the hall, and the necessity of opening a "building/maintenance" bank account.

The following points were made;

- The hall requires a lot of maintenance
- Major refurbishment is needed in the toilets and entrance hall.
- The terms of our present constitution locks us to this piece of land.
- The land is held in trust by the Parish Council as custodian trustees as long as a management committee runs a village hall on it.
- We could obtain permission to dispose of the hall and the land as long as we provide an alternative. We would need to consult the Charity Commission.
- The Parish Council are preparing a Parish Plan. This is a "wish list" for the future of the village and could contain a proposal for major maintenance or replacement of the hall.
- The hall probably has a life expectancy of about ten years.
- There is no depreciation cost on the present building.

It was proposed by Bob Scanlan, seconded by John Discombe and unanimously agreed that we should open a new building account to provide for the eventual replacement of the building.

## 9. Any Other Business:

- Louise Barchard is retiring from organising the "Villages in Action" evenings and asked if the hall committee would be interested to do it as there is an opportunity to raise funds. It was decided to invite Louise to the next meeting to give us more detailed information.
- We still have not received our new licence. The old one remains valid with our letter of intent. The annual checks need to be completed by the 31<sup>st</sup> March.
- The pre-school wish to replace the path around their soft play area. They also would like to extend the bottom of the five bar gate. John Discombe will visit them to discuss the detail.

**Action JD**

- Despite a no smoking policy throughout the hall, the pre-school have smelt smoke in the billiard room. They were asked to keep a record when this happens.

**Action VC**

- Pam Scanlan asked if the committee would agree to organising a quiz evening in aid of the Kidney Research Association and the Victory Hall. Everyone was in favour. The date was set for 31<sup>st</sup> March. Cost £5 per person to include a jacket potato supper. **N.B. Since the meeting the date has had to be changed to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May.**

## 11. Date of next meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2006 at The Jays. (Home of John Discombe.)

The meeting closed @ 9.00 pm.