

# Whimble Victory Hall

Minutes of the meeting of the Trustees held on 22nd September 2008.

## Present:

John Discombe	Chairman (Representative Parish Council)
Arthur Iball	Vice chairman (Representative Over 60s)
George Begent	Treasurer
Pam Scanlan	Secretary
Alison Tierney	Bookings Secretary
Vicky Clough	Representative Whimble Pre School
Margaret Bucknell	Representative Whimble History Society
David Rastall	Representative Whimble PCC
Us Roberts	Representative WI
Danny Bratt	Representative VPA
John Williams	Elected Member
Bob Scanlan	Elected Member
David Myers	Co-opted member

## 1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from: Sylvia Broom, Maria Wallis and Ross Cottey.

## 2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2008 were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman. This was proposed by Arthur Iball and seconded by Lis Roberts.

## 3. Matters arising:

- 3.1.1 Soup n sarnie 20<sup>th</sup> September: Thanks to all who helped. The profit was £75 .15p. There were fewer customers this time. The next one will be on 18th October.
- 3.1.2 Car park: The first payment has been received from DCC. JD will write an article for the next issue of Whimble News.
- 3.2 There were no further matters arising.

## 4. Correspondence:

- Mori questionnaire concerning a national survey of third sector organisations. PLS to complete and return.
- Donation from John and Thelma Aiton. This has been acknowledged by JD.
- Training course information from EDDC.
- Letter from WACY asking us to support their grant application. JD has contacted the Secretary.
- CCD re closure of access and awareness project.
- CCD info.re small grants programme for funding local community learning opportunities.

## 5. Maintenance:

- JD to contact someone to clear the blocked drains.
- The trees still have to be pruned. JW will contact a tree surgeon to get a quote..
- JW recommended that the level of oil in the tank should be kept well below maximum for security reasons.
- The hall insulation is very poor so we need to investigate possible options.

## 6. Treasurer's Report:

Buildings and maintenance account	£14118.15
Current account	£ 1938.55
Deposit account	£14645.78
Sales up to 31/08/08	£ 17252.80
Outstanding cheques (cr)	£ 1949.40

The Treasurer then presented the recommendations for hire charges for the following year, which had been discussed at the pricing policy meeting. (Copy circulated prior to meeting.)

He said that the increases were based on the rise in the cost of the utilities. He also recommends that the concessionary discount should be reduced to 7.5%

JD is unhappy about the proposals as he feels that this represents a double increase

RJS proposed that the two existing rates should be replaced by "regular and standard" rates, based on across the board increases of 2% above inflation for the next five years. The regular users" increase to be on their current actual payments with appropriate rounding.

JD seconded the proposal, and it was unanimously agreed.

A pricing policy meeting was arranged for 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. to set the actual charges.

## 7. Booking Secretary's report:

- Bookings level was low in August.
- Men's keep fit is now on Tuesday evenings only.
- Sarah Pepper will hold two more craft evenings before Christmas.

## 8. Update from Bob Scanlan:

1. The Grant application to CCD was successful. With matched funding from EDDC we will get about £6000. Added to our funds of £20,000 we will have a total of £26,000 to spend.
2. Martyn Antony, who is managing the project on our behalf, has appointed an architect and the drawings should be completed by next Thursday.
3. Two builders have been asked for quotes.
4. Work can start as soon as the selected builders are available.

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