

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BIRDHAM VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES
26th MAY 2015, 7.30pm**

1. Present

Marion Barker, Richard Bird, Mike Codrai, Vin Brooks, Betty Geary, Wendy Pitty, Jan Rees, Fiona Thomas, Mike Thomas, Brian Wheeler.

In attendance - Ray Nye

Mike Thomas welcomed the new members, Vin Brooks & Richard Bird and introduced the rest of the trustees.

2. Apologies

Gordon Churchill

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes did not record that the scout lease was handed to Mike Codrai. Jan Rees will amend the minutes.

Apart from this, it was agreed that the minutes were accurate.

4. Matter arising from minutes

(a) The damp problem and puddle of water have been rectified by a plumber.

(b) Re the condensation in Sandle Room - the company which fitted the windows is no longer in business. It was agreed to obtain a quote from 'Window Dr'

(c) It was agreed to pay Tina £8 per hour for weeding the flower beds.

(d) David Siggs has looked into the cycle racks which were available from CDC. It has been agreed that one would be put on Village Hall land.

(e) The WI is reconsidering the placement of a tree as the agreed location is too near the building for a tree.

(f) The lecture/talk which was suggested has been viewed on U Tube and is not suitable.

5. Chair's report

Nothing to report apart from information in item 9 below.

6. Treasurer's report

Current account: £4449.74

Gold account: £5071.92

Scottish Widows: £15,309.95 (includes interest of £112.50)

Outstanding - solicitor's fees for lease of scout hut land, quoted at between £1,000 and £2,000.

7. Secretary's report

Nothing to report

8. Birdham Parish Council

A new council has been formed with 8 councillors and one vacancy.

The last meeting attracted over 120 residents to hear about the enforcement orders made on the field behind Premier Motorhomes, where gypsy/travellers have moved in with retrospective planning applications.

9. AOB

A Electricity

£150 compensation has been received via the ombudsman.
No direct debit, bill or invoice has yet been taken or received from the new provider 'Extra Energy'.

B Scout Hut Land Lease

Mike Thomas explained the lease for the benefit of the new trustees.
A discussion took place as Mike Codrai declared that he was not happy with the contents of the lease. Mike Thomas had already emailed Mike Codrai saying we would expect him to take legal advice and he told us he would. It was agreed that the trustees would wait to hear from the scouts' legal representative. In the meantime, Mike Thomas will send all trustees a copy of the lease.

C Website

Mike Thomas had previously asked trustees if their email addresses could be placed on the website. Some agreed and others declined. He asked some to reconsider as this would be an opportunity to advertise the group they represent.

Brian Wheeler stated that the time for bowls was wrong on the website. Mike Thomas suggested emailing Paul Finch to ask for this to be rectified. In fact, Paul can be contacted by any trustees wishing to advertise an event on paulfinch@talktalk.net

D Events

Quiz - 20th June

Open Day - 24th October: probably in the morning.

Ideas - WI table, bowls mat, Community WPC talking about security/scams, scouts table, first responder to demonstrate defibrillator, AONB conservancy/harbour master, etc.

Any more ideas to Mike Thomas.

E Race Night

24 people turned up, 6 sponsors were obtained.

Profit - £134.43

We now have 12 DVDs to use in future race nights.

F Other

Betty needs a new 'catch mop' - it was agreed to but one for approx. £50.

Mike Thomas is still looking at Broadband for the hall.

There is £966 left of the grant, it was agreed to use it for the hand mic and pin mic using quotes obtained from the company which installed the rest of the equipment and to buy a lockable cupboard and laptop.

Mike Codrai asked whether the height restriction barrier key was available.
Mike Thomas will ask David Siggs.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm
Next meeting 14th July 2015.