

Minutes of the Birdham Village Hall Committee Meeting held on October 11th 2016

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present

Marion Barker, Richard Bird, Gordon Churchill, Ian Divers, Sandy Divers, Betty Geary, Jan Rees, Fiona Thomas, Mike Thomas

Apologies

Alan Drew, Marie Geary, Wendy Pitty, Mike wells, Brain Wheeler

Matters arising from minutes of last meeting

- Gordon Churchill attended but was not on list of those present.
- Quiz Night, 23rd July - a reasonable turnout.
- Film Night, Sept. 29th - only 10 people attended - although no money had been lost on the film nights, an attendance of 50 is required to make any profit. It was decided to cancel the next two film nights.
- Issues with SSE have now been sorted.
- Mike hasn't yet heard anything about purchasing new chairs under 106 agreements.
- The dancing group have now paid up.

Treasurer's Report

Current account - £5,026.46, includes £90.25 interest from Scottish Widows, about £2000 income to be added.
Scottish Widows - £15,000
Gold Account - £5,085.93

Secretary's Report

Nothing to report

Parish Council

The results of the questionnaire about using the New Homes Bonus, giving options for playing field equipment showed a strong preference for new play equipment.

After forwarding this information as evidence, the Parish Council has been awarded £18,504 against 2014/2015 grant years for the equipment and £7,620 from 2016 grant year for new fencing for the play area.

This will be approved and signed at the next meeting.

AOB

Website - Ian Divers has set up the new website, everything has been handed over from Paul & Jane Finch. Marie Geary will handle the Facebook side. Ian will be pleased to receive any feedback & suggestions. He will look into incorporating vacant hall hire slots and linking with the Parish Council website.

Laptops/Broadband - Mike Thomas is trying to get a package together so that a community initiative fund grant can be obtained by using laptops and internet for teaching computer skills.

Scout lease - this is nearly completed, only clarification is needed about who is responsible for the building if the scout group folded. Should be completed by Christmas (2016).

Mike Thomas - followed up some enquiries about hiring the hall which have not been confirmed with Marie.

He has written to West Wittering Estate asking if the trustees would be eligible for a grant - no reply yet.

The £150 deposit from the Film Bank has been applied for.

Business Rates have been revalued. Rateable Value of Hall in 2010 was £6800, in 2017 it will be £7500. Mike will check if we are eligible for any discount or rebate and ask AiRS for advice.

Meeting ended at 8.25pm

Next Meeting 10th January 2017 ay 7.30pm