

Minutes of the Birdham Village Hall Trustees
on April 11th 2017

Meeting commenced at 8.12pm

Present

Ian Divers, Sandy Divers, Alan Drew, Betty Geary, Marie Geary, Heather Codrai, Jan Rees, Fiona Thomas, Mike Thomas, Richard Bird, Gordon Churchill.

Apologies

Marion Barker, Brian Wheeler

Previous Meeting and Matters arising

The cheque from the Scouts for the BVH expenditure on solicitor's fees had been paid.

A letter of thanks had gone to Caroline Ainger.

All agreed that the minutes could be signed as true.

Treasurer's Report

Current account - £6847.82

Scottish Widows - £15,000

Gold Account - £5,089.57

Jan asked about the Scottish Widows Account and was told that money was paid straight into the current account....£90.25 in September.

It was agreed that, with Mike's departure, Fiona could be a signatory on cheques.

Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

Parish Council

Richard said Parish Councils were getting together to try to put the A27 back on the Transport Minister's agenda.

He said that the issue of the travellers' site in Birdham should be settled in May. May 22nd will be the 7th day of the Inquiry.

Marie raised the issue of the wooden wall that was in the wrong position.

The goal posts and the fencing around the playpark were going to receive some attention. The gate was mentioned. The fact that it didn't close meant that dogs could get inside.

Alan reported that the Parish Magazine was starting up again and asked if the PC might provide synopses of Parish Council meetings. All agreed that this would be a good idea.

AOB

Jan mentioned a letter from The House of Commons Speaker advertising "Parliament Week" in November. A pack could be provided to support any activities to help people learn more about parliamentary democracy.

Mike said that a grant of £2000 had been applied for from West Wittering Estates to secure broadband in the Hall and a phone (for incoming calls only), also some laptops. The Sandle Room could then be used as a meeting/training room.

50 extra chairs had been purchased. Betty confirmed that they had thicker padding.

Marie said that she had drawn up plans with Richard Meynell for a small conservatory in the Sandle Room. The Social Club would then move to that end of the building, using the sliding doors to lock the bar, thereby freeing up the rest of the room for hire. She said she was getting quotes and would send the plans and costs to the Trustees when she had all the information. Alan agreed that a larger room with more resources might pull more young people into the Club.

Meeting closed at 8.50. Next meeting July 11th.