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## COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY 11th JULY 2023 MINUTES

#### **Present:**

Kieran Pierce Raine Green Chris Saunders Gerry Hamilton Helen Hardman Dave Houghton David Green – Secretary

In attendance: Jacqui Ball

	Item	Action
1.	<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b> . Kieran welcomed trustees to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.	
2.	Apologies. Heather Walker, Rebecca Harman.	
3.	Minutes of last meeting. The minutes were agreed, subject to a paragraph numbering error, as a true record. Proposed by Kieran, Seconded by Dave.	
	Matters arising:	
	<ul> <li>a. Banking Issues. Treasurer is continuing work to gain authorisation for additional signatories. Ongoing.</li> </ul>	Treasurer
	<ul> <li>Parking Contract. GSG has completed works at Strawberry Fields. The parking contract is now terminated. However the undertaking by GSG to tarmac fill in the driveway is as yet unfulfilled. Ongoing.</li> </ul>	Treasurer
	c. Premises Licence. Committee approved the proposal to seek a premises licence, subject to receiving the special exemption.	Chairman

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**Financial matters.** Treasure reported financial situation as follows: Available funds £25,203 This is after paying all usual overheads including £251 to Radcliffe Fire for equipment service & checks. Start of year was ----- £24,132 increase in funds -----£1.071 This includes parking income £960 [now completed] effectively a reduced increase of £111. It is recommended that every half year we should aim to set aside £500 towards the annual insurance due October. The planned £1 p.hr increase in regular hiring rates in September should return an extra £400 each ½ year. Bottom line is we are ok this half year to June because of the last of the parking income. The planned rate of hiring increase in Sept will help, but we will possibly need some event income and/or donations to balance the income/expenditure this year. If we cannot increase our hiring income etc., we may have to examine our costs! 5. Hiring Secretary's Report. a. Regular and casual bookings continue. b. Casuals: Jul: Sat 1<sup>st</sup>, Line Dancing taster, Mon 17<sup>th</sup>, 730pm, Parish Council. Aug: Sun 27<sup>th</sup> & Mon 28<sup>th</sup>, Fete. Sep: Sat 16th, 130pm to 930pm, Wedding party.

6.	Hall Improvements.
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 a. North Side Paving and Drain. It was agreed that the fence move and paving should be separated. No response had been received from G Cooper. Treasurer and Secretary agreed to work together to seek quotes from 3

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contractors for the fencing works. G Cooper would be approached regarding resurfacing. Ongoing.

b. Sewage. DHA had called to say their bid had not been included in the minutes, this has been discussed and called to mention here. Simpsons supposedly still to quote but this is the firm that offered to quote based upon quote details provided by others!

Treasurer

Treasurer Secretary

- c. It was agreed that we should complete a dye test to the current system.
- d. It was further noted that the Craig planning application for the building in the adjacent field was likely to be approved. Should this be the case, there may be scope to share the expense of waste disposal systems.

#### 7. **AOB.**

a. Martin's Law. Chairman explained that a change to the regulations mean that charities need to be incorporated. The proposed Anti-Terrorism law, if passed, will make it hard for trustees of a village hall or similar to act as they could be held personally responsible for any acts committed with reference to the new law. It is possible to change to the charity status of incorporated which means the charity is liable not the trustees individually. It was agreed that the treasure would contact the current insurance to see what information they had on the impact of the changes, it was also agreed to dig out the original charter to assess at a high level what impact a move to incorporated status may have, this would be via the current solicitors. Additionally a high level quote for this work would be requested from the solicitors.

Chairman

b. Committee Posts and Responsibilities. Chairman said that while some committee members undertook specific tasks a recent illness had highlighted the need for deputies in certain areas. This was accepted in principle. Specific areas were: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Cleaning, Bookings and Fire. The Vice Chairman already understudies the Chairman and Gerry volunteered to understudy the cleaning brief. Ongoing

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C.	Invitation for D Day 80 <sup>th</sup> . It was agreed that the hall would be prepared to organise a suitable event for the village on behalf of the Parish Council. This would be a hall fund raiser.	
d.	Village Fete Support. The fete organiser had written to the chairman seeking the support of the committee. Secretary has already briefed the organiser on the equipment and facilities that can be provided by the hall.	
e.	<b>New Internet Provision.</b> Chairman explained that our current provider is stopping our service as they have discontinued their service to businesses, Chairman suggested that we would probably qualify as a residential user. He will investigate. Ongoing.	Chairman
f.	Online Booking/Visibility. Chairman introduced Lemon Booking which could provide an electronic booking system and other facilities such as a link to our bank and our own web site. The silver package costs £30 pcm with the first 3 months as a free trial. It was agreed that the Chairman would proceed. Ongoing.	Chairman
g.	Private Parking on Hall Premises. Raine noted that 2 vans continue to park on the hall car park for their own convenience, thus reducing parking for <i>bona fide</i> hall users from time to time. One of the owners is prohibited from parking on Strawberry Fields. The other has adequate parking on his own property. It was agreed that we should approach both parties to suggest an appropriate financial contribution. Ongoing.	Chairman
h.	Outside Areas. Our bid at the coronation party for volunteers to assist with the outside areas had attracted a number of willing people. Heather had offered to coordinate this work. Chairman would discuss this with Heather. Raine further noted that the neighbour's trees were now encroaching beyond our mutual boundary – the middle of the stream – and that should be pointed out to him at the same time. Ongoing	Chairman
i.	Parish Council. Treasurer noted that he was no longer a member of the parish council.	

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**DONM.** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

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