

# BOOTHBY PAGNELL VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall on 21 October 2013 at 7.30 pm

Present; Mrs D Collins Secretary  
Mrs P Harrison Treasurer  
Miss A Hobbs,  
Mr P Williams Parish Meeting

The meeting opened at 7.32 pm.

**ACTION**

APOLOGIES: There were apologies from Mr T Blake, Mr P Hunt, Mrs F Twilley,  
Mr N Thomas & Mr M Carr

## 21/13 PREVIOUS MINUTES:

In the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman the committee elected Mrs Harrison to sign the minutes.

The minutes of the previous committee meeting held on 1 July 2013 were approved and signed by the Treasurer, as a true and correct record.

## 22//13 MATTERS ARISING

(See minute 16/13)

The light to be fixed above the new sign is still in hand with the Social Club.

(See Minute 17/13)

Mr Williams has investigated the Investment powers invested in the management Trustees and produced a print out. In essence it seems that the committee is able to choose an investment as long as "it is confined to the class of investments which are permitted by the trust, and likewise to avoid all investments of that class which are attended with hazard." Mr Williams undertook to liaise with Mr Hunt to try to find such an investment. **PETER**

## 23/13 TREASURER'S REPORT (Minute 17/13 refers):

Current Account	1282.80
Cash	29.84
Money master	<u>3.79</u>
	1316.43

Nottingham B/Soc. 28115.72

The committee voted to close the Money Master account.

The fire extinguishers have been checked & paid for & the certificate received..

**PAM**

## 24/13 REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES: (Minute 18/13 refers):

1) Fund-Raising: this is on hold at present.

2) Maintenance:

The play equipment was thoroughly checked by Mr M Harrison & Mr P Hunt.

John Adcock worked on the roof - £100 to repoint and/or replace tiles, also to patch the lead roof in the gully.

Currently there appears to be a leak/overflow problem in the gents toilet and Mr Hunt will try to identify the problem and resolve it as soon as possible..

**PERCY**

## 25/13 SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDENCE: (Minute 19/13 refers)

Louise Moore emailed from the Community Lincs asking if our Village Hall has Wi-Fi . It hasn't but the committee agreed it might be a good idea if not too costly. Mr Williams will check the costs of having a router on the landline in the Social Club room and will monitor it for us if we decide to have one.

**PETER**

26/13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS: (Minute 20/13 refers)

The Social Club is enthusiastic to establish an area for Boules and favour the grassed area at the front of the hall. At the moment the project is on hold, but Mark Baker will help as soon as he can, and the weather improves.

DATE, TIME & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The committee discussed the problem of the low attendances at our meetings & the difficulty of being sure if a quorum and of fixing times for meetings.

The constitution demands an AGM and two ordinary meetings annually so it was decided that our physical meetings would be limited to the AGM, in March or April, the ordinary meeting following the AGM and another during October. All other business during the year can be conducted by email, unless we need to call a meeting for a specific purpose.

No date has yet been fixed for the AGM but it was suggested that an evening during the first week might be suitable, Easter Weekend is 18/21 April 2014.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Copies to:

Mrs P Harrison  
Mr P Williams  
Miss A Hobbs  
Mr M Carr

Mrs D Collins  
Mrs F Twilley  
Mr T Blake  
Minute Book

Mr P Hunt  
Mr N Thomas

### **Message from Deirdre:**

I was very pleased with the responses to my email about the Wi-Fi and feel sure that we can deal with matters which arise before the AGM in a similar way. If we wait until the beginning of March to set the date there will be more chance of finding an evening when as many as possible of us can attend., and that will be in time for me to let the village know.

Thinking of our quorum I was amused to read in the newspaper recently that in Victorian times the House of Lords frequently struggled to get even 12 peers to a meeting, their quorum was 3 (1 fewer than ours) out of 497 members! I still feel that 4 out of 9 is high for a quorum. We checked with the constitution about the number of committee members, which it specified as 6 members plus one representative from each of 5 village societies. That seems to endorse our 9 now that the Cricket Club and the Ladies' Club have ceased to exist, but I would feel happier if we had a committee of 10. What do the rest of you think of asking Lynne Rutherford if she would be willing to be co-opted at the AGM with a view to becoming a full member? She may well say no, of course even if you agree that I ask her, but a quorum of 4 out of 10 seem better odds to me.

I suggest that we all have the email addresses of all our members so any points made can be read by all. Let me know if you agree and I will send them round. I know you probably have them but some of you may not.

Best wishes from Deirdre.