

Minutes of the meeting of Briantspuddle Hall Committee held in the Village Hall, Briantspuddle on Wednesday 6 May at 7.30 p.m.

Present

Jenny Beedle, Paul Badcock, Richard Gibbs, David Hallatt, Sue Jeanes, Sue Jones, Stephanie Klejdys, David Nesling, Sheila Pearce, Philippa Thorniley.

Election of Officers

Those in office last year indicated they were willing to stand again this year. There being no other nominations, Jenny Beedle was proposed for Chairman by Philippa Thorniley and seconded by David Hallatt; Philippa Thorniley was proposed for Treasurer by Paul Badcock and seconded by Stephanie Kledjys; and Sheila Pearce was proposed for Secretary by Jenny Beedle, seconded by David Hallatt. All were elected unanimously.

The Chairman welcomed the new representative, David Nesling who was sharing the Parochial Church Council's representation with Steve Sanderson, and welcomed back Sue Jeanes, who would be representing Bladen Social Club.

1. Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Peter Harrison and Peter Talbot.

2. Minutes of the last meeting After minor amendment, the minutes were agreed and signed.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

3a. Thatching

- Richard Gibbs reported that work had started on 2 April and was expected to be completed by the third week of May. There was no need for tubes for the swifts as the void would be accessible for them to nest in. The thatchers had found some deterioration of the wall plate and beam ends on both sides; they were dealing with it and would add extra battens as required, which would mean some additional costs.
- Philippa Thorniley reported some confusion over invoicing, and Richard confirmed that the sequence was 50% of costs when the reeds arrived, 25% when thatching was half completed, and the remaining balance plus any additional costs when the job was complete. Sue Jeanes expressed concern over the Social club roof, and Richard agreed to check with the thatchers that there had been no damage. He also asked members to stand by to help clean the site once the thatchers had left as part of preparation for the Best Kept village review as well as Open Gardens.
- On behalf of the Committee, Jenny Beedle thanked Richard for liaising so effectively with the thatchers.

3b. Dishwasher Sheila Pearce reported that the bid to Awards for All had been unsuccessful. Philippa had received quotes for a commercial dishwasher from South Coast Catering, and the committee agreed unanimously to authorise the purchase of a Clenaware AD50PS dishwasher with built-in water-softener at a cost of £2187, including installation.

3c. Hall Heating and Community Sustainable Energy Programme Jenny reported on Peter Talbot's behalf that he was still waiting for the report from the CSEP consultants, which was needed for the Viridor bid. Paul Badcock expressed concern that Netherbury had ruled out a system involving a ground pump on the grounds of costs and the need for storage. It was agreed that the report would help the committee make decisions on this, and how work would be sequenced in relation to the project building work as a whole.

3d. Hall Lease and VAT Sue Jones reported that she and Jenny Lightfoot, Chairman of the Parish Council, had been to Purbeck District Council to get advice on the lease. The meeting had been positive, and after reporting to the Parish Council she would report back at our next meeting. Sheila read out the letter received from the PC giving the Committee full authority to carry out the project works on its behalf.

4. Village Hall Development Project

4a. Viridor Bid Jenny reported that the bid needed to be in by 12 May, and that Peter would be working on it with her at the weekend. Philippa reinforced the Committee's decision taken at its special meeting that the bid should be for £175,00. Paul reported that a cash flow analysis was needed for the bid, and that he had

been working with John Stark and Crickmay to produce this on the basis of the quotes received from builders. It amounted to an estimated £125,000 plus associated professional fees.

4b. Village Hall Business Plan

Sue Jones tabled the final version of the plan, and said that it had been produced by Paul, Philippa, Sheila and herself with frequent reviews as well as going to 2 external reviewers who had experience with business plans. She recommended that this process be considered for future bids. Jenny stated that the Viridor bid was relatively short, relying as it did on the business plan, but that for future bids we will need an agreed process; she recommended a small production group plus 1 or 2 external reviewers, who would be paid expenses and a token of acknowledgement as appropriate. It was agreed that Sheila should write on the Committee's behalf to Sam Field, thanking him for his help and inviting him to Open Gardens, and that Philippa would identify a suitable whisky as further acknowledgement.

4c Securing the Planning Permission

JS&C was working on the necessary drawings for Purbeck DC, but the Committee was reminded that we still needed to carry out a photographic survey. Paul had spoken to the Conservation Officer about this, and he agreed that Nigel Lord should take a set of pictures and check that these were acceptable to him and the Council. We also needed to be clear where the trench should be dug.

4d Other sources of funding

After discussion, the Committee considered that the next step was to produce a timeline for the project and to include in that the timings of future bids. The COMMA bid needed to be in by 15th June, and the architect had expressed a wish to meet with committee members. Nick Gore had also expressed interest in the windows being proposed for the project. Agreed that a small group should be formed of interested members together with Nick Gore from the Parish Council to help with a timescale and planning applications.

5 Fundraising

5a Forthcoming Events

The next film was on Friday 8 May – 'Man on Wire' - and Philippa hoped to finalise a further showing with Purbeck Film Festival at that event. The Artsreach meeting was on 27 May. There had been no further action as yet on talks.

5b Open Gardens

- Stephanie Kledjys told the Committee that though Jim Crane was no longer a member he had agreed to prepare the Open Garden signs. She asked for help in getting them into place the week-end before the event and checking they were still in place 2 days beforehand. She agreed to ask Jim for the locations used, and Paul and Richard agreed to liaise over the placing of the signs.
- The main push for advertising would be the 2 weekends before Open Gardens – she was approaching radio stations, but she accepted she needed to pay for a Dorset Echo advert. Jenny advised a press release not an advert for Blackmore Vale. She tabled this year's posters, and members agreed to distribute them Angie Talbot would do Dorchester and the way in, Philippa caravan sites etc to Weymouth and Cash and Carry; Stephanie would do Poole etc; Sue Jeanes would do Bere and Milborne St Andrew; David Hallatt would do Bovingdon and Wool; Paul would do Winterbourne Kingston, SCATS and Turnerspuddle caravan site.
- Stephanie had signed up 23 gardens, and Sue Jeanes had offered the Social Club snooker room for Art displays. The carpark field would be cleared on Saturday 6 June, and traffic cones had been promised by our community Police Officer.
- Jenny told the Committee that Philippa had kindly offered to meet the costs of the evening meal that follows open Gardens as part of Bill Thorniley's birthday celebrations and to celebrate 40 years of being in the Village – the committee expressed its wholehearted appreciation of her gesture.

6. Finance

6a. The treasurer reported that finances were as follows:

Current Account	£ 17091.00
Deposit Account	£ 4.21
CAF Account	£ 12,149.97
NS&I Account	£ 38,323.00

The last of the 2008/09 100 Club was drawn: no. 87, Lily Ventham.

7. Correspondence

Jenny told the Committee that a bill had been received from JS&C for £2,347.84 covering work carried out 26.09.06 to 16.04.09. The Committee authorised its payment. Sue Jeanes reported that the Committee's request for itemisation of the previous bill had not been well received, but Richard pointed out that the Committee needed to scrutinise outgoings scrupulously as part of its obligation to work responsibly.

8. Any Other business

Jenny had agreed to attend the next Parish council meeting to report on the committee's work.

Sheila confirmed that she would be producing the annual membership list, updated appropriately, following this year's AGM.

Stephanie reported that Jim Crane had said he would be willing to carry on helping with maintenance and other work when need arose. The Committee was very grateful and agreed that Sheila should write to him, thanking him for his membership over the years.

Philippa warned Sheila as Keep-fit rep that the Hall would be used for elections on 4 June, so another time or location would be needed for their session.

10. Date, time and Place of Next Meeting

A special meeting was agreed for Thursday 14 May in the village hall to start the work of the small group on timescales and bids. All members who were interested were invited to attend.

The next Meeting of the Village Hall Committee would be held on Wednesday 3 June at 7.30. The meeting closed at 9.35.