

## **Minutes of the meeting of Briantspuddle Hall Committee held in the Village Hall, Briantspuddle on Wednesday 4 November 2009 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present** Paul Badcock, Jenny Beedle, Richard Gibbs, Sue Jeanes, Sue Jones, Sheila Pearce and Philippa Thorniley. Peter Talbot joined the meeting at 8.35.

**1. Apologies for Absence** Apologies from Steve Sanderson and David Hallatt.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting** After an amendment the minutes were agreed and signed.

### **3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**3a. Water Supply** Jenny Beedle reported that she had placed a hold on installing the separate meter. She considered that we needed a clear decision on the route for the new mains pipe, and that this would need to take the new buildings into account. It was agreed that we would wait until we could decide the best route, and that meanwhile a letter should be sent to the Talbots asking them to let us know if they intended to turn the stopcock off.

**3b. Broadband Connection** Sue Jones had confirmed with the Parish Council that they saw a need for the broadband connection for their work, and said the PC were also willing to contribute to costs. She reported that Peter Talbot had wanted their payment to take into account running costs for the projector, but the Committee considered that the hiring charge for the Hall already did that. They agreed that Peter should be asked to provide an idiots guide asap for projector users. The next stage would be to sort out a new broadband supplier, and Sue hoped that Phil Collins, who had offered to help with films, could also help with this. She told members that DCA had a speaker who would be happy to make a presentation at the Village Hall to residents wanting to understand more about broadband and its usage, and the Committee agreed that she should go ahead and fix a date in January.

**3c. Valuations** No action had been taken on this.

### **4. Village Hall Development Project**

**4a. Securing Planning Permission in Perpetuity** Chris Read at John Stark and Crickmay had received a letter from Alan Davies at Purbeck District Council confirming that we had secured planning permission in perpetuity. Chris had been taken aback by a change to the windows the planning officer proposed at the last moment, but the Committee agreed there was no need to raise the matter with planning until we reached an appropriate point in proceedings. Peter was asked to check whether JS&C had sent a holding letter to PDC.

**4b. Meeting with Peter Orchard** Sheila Pearce tabled a summary of Peter Orchard's notes from a meeting he had with Philippa, Peter and Sheila on 26 October. It had reviewed progress to date in fund-raising, and concluded that the realistic way forward was to phase the project, and that this would have the effect of reducing the overall costs and making us eligible to bid for 'Reaching Communities'. The actions proposed included establishing firmer costs for Phase 1, and the Committee agreed that once further significant grants were made or were probable we could commission the drawings necessary to support those costings. Peter, Philippa and Peter Orchard were to agree a date for a meeting to get a bid to Reaching Communities ready by the end of the month; Jenny and Peter would work on a bid to South West Rural Development Agency by the end of December. It was understood that if no substantial grants were forthcoming by April next year, we would have to consider abandoning the project and deciding what we could do with the moneys we had.

**4c. Other Grants:** Peter was asked to complete the Entrust form as well as he could, to let Viridor know that we intended to carry the grant forward to 12 months, and ask about a date for a further bid. He considered that once we heard whether our new bids were successful, we would be able to use the current Viridor grant within the timescales indicated. We were waiting to hear from the Talbot Fund, and Sheila had written to acknowledge the grant from the Valentine Trust. Peter Orchard should be asked at his next meeting how best to approach Dorset County Council for a grant from the 2010/11 budget.

**4d.** Sue would talk to Peter Orchard to see what amendments were needed to the Business Plan, and to liaise with Sheila if necessary to implement them.

### **5. Fundraising**

**Some Like it Hot on 17/10** – The Purbeck film festival showing was well attended, and had raised £170.24.

**RNLI 22/10** – 30 people had attended the talk. It had raised £34, and a donation to RNLI of £25 was agreed.

**Darling Clemmie** – 59 people had attended, and it raised £105.87.

**5a Future Events** The Committee expressed their regrets to Philippa that she had not been well supported in setting out the Hall, running the bar and clearing up for some of the events. It was agreed that in future members able to help would be listed against the events to try to prevent any recurrence. Peter was asked to provide an idiots guide for using the Dishwasher asap.

12 November – **Wildlife** talk – Forestry Commission: no help needed with this

18 November – **Priscilla, Queen of the Desert** – Sue hoped to be there; Paul and Jenny Beedle offered their help, and Peter T would help with the projector. Phil Collins would also help, and Jenny had had an offer of help from Dr Taylor from Tolpuddle – Sue would follow up. Paul agreed to provide 24 tubs of icecream.

26 November – **Dorset at War**, a talk by Colin Pommery. Paul, Jenny and Sue would be there, and Peter would help set up the Powerpoint presentation

19 December – **Scorpion Band**, a joint Hall/Social Club event; 40 tickets sold already

23 January – **Burns Night**. This had been confirmed, and Campbell de Burgh had offered his services as a piper. Philippa agreed to liaise with the presenters to see if there was any scope for taking up his offer.

**February Talk** – Paul knew someone who talked on Old Maps of Dorset; he agreed to give details to Sue..

**5b Film Club** Philippa reported that the organisation she approached would issue a licence for shows at £75 a time or 35% of the profits, whichever was the greater. They did not have a copy of Priscilla, and the alternative company required a deposit of £150 in addition. Sue was able to source a copy of Priscilla from the library at work, and she had been advised that, if we asked for donations and did not charge a fixed amount, we would not need a licence. Sheila stated that that the licence was an annual one, and there was some debate about how to proceed if we asked for donations rather than a charge. It was agreed therefore we would apply for a licence and go ahead with charging for the show. Phil Collins had suggested It's a Wonderful Life for the Christmas showing on 10 December, and this was agreed. Sue Jeanes in the Social Club would provide the licensing cover needed. Another possibility was a children's film show in the Christmas holidays.

**5c. Other Ventures** Sue suggested a monthly **Sunday brunch**, and had spoken to Sandy Moriarty about this. He suggested the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month. Paul said that he would talk to Sandy about the PCC organising the brunch or it being a joint venture. It might also take the form of a ramble followed by bacon butties. John Solly had suggested a **dance session** once a week, maybe with some instruction. This was received positively by the Committee. It was agreed that Sue should explore the possibilities of extending our marketing to Bere Regis through the Parish Council and Tolpuddle through the Parish Magazine. This and new events would mean the current members would be fully stretched, and Paul pointed out that others would be keen to help with events, though not necessarily to join the Committee. It was agreed this was a good way forward.

**6. Finance** The treasurer reported finances as follows:

Current Account £ 25,936.91

Deposit Account £ 2,364.82

CAF Account £ 12,686.30 The bond had been reinvested for a further 3 months.

NS&I Account £ 7,323.00. She proposed transferring a further £25,000 from the CA.

The November 100 Club winner was 557, John Clegg.

## **7. Correspondence**

Philippa had received certificates for the Best Kept Village award and a plaque for mounting outside.

## **8. Any Other business**

1. Sue Jeanes asked for a team for Village Skittles on 14 November. Jenny, Richard and Peter offered their help.

2. Peter pointed out that we had received £350 from the Best Kept village awards, and it was agreed this should go towards an improved notice board. It was agreed that this should be implemented through the Parish Council, and there needed to be a separate section for Village Hall Notices.

3. Sheila reported that David Hallatt was tendering his resignation, and had proposed Andrea Smith as his likely successor. Phil Collins was unanimously co-opted to the Committee.

**9. Date, time and Place of Next Meeting** This was confirmed for Wednesday 2 December 2009 at 7.30. Sheila Pearce gave her apologies for that meeting.