

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Walsham le Willows Community Council Executive Committee on 7th March 2017.

- 1. Those Present:** R Barber, M Barber, T Roberts, R Belson, S White, J Nielsen, J Bloomfield, I Bartholomew, K Rothon, I Campbell.
- 2. Apologies for absence:** K Boardley, E Thurlow, J Thomas, R Hubbard, J Hubbard, K Stockton, B Wills, J Clark and M Mansfield.
- 3. Approval of Draft Minutes for the meeting held on 7th February 2017:** I Campbell proposed and J Nielsen seconded the motion. This was agreed unanimously.

4. Matters Arising:

- 4.1 Observer Matters – We have more new advertisers.
- 4.2 The dusk to dawn light outside the Memorial Hall is now working.

5. Events

- First Aid Course – Will run for 3 hours or 3.5 if opt for use of defibrillator. Could be run on a Friday evening or Saturday morning, cost £25 pp + VAT. Rob will contact interested parties.
- 11th February – Valentines Dance – Made £120 profit.
- 13th February – Community Lunch – 20 people attended, cakes were generously provided by Shirley and Jean. The consensus was that it was a good event and people wished to have another.
- 10th March – Cinema – Trumbo
- 13th March – Community Lunch – Cost will be £6 per head, Carol Hubbard will provide food. 16 names are already on the list.
- 1st April – Eastern Angles Touring Theatre – The Strange Undoing of Prudencia Hart – The Green Room will need clearing for use. Richard gave out leaflets for distribution. Maggie will organise the raffle. Ian B and Rob will run the bar.
- 8th April – Walsham Musical Evening – Posters and tickets are ready. –Tickets £10, £12 on the door.
- 21st April – Cinema – Light Between the Oceans.
- May Day Event Ideas – It was suggested crowning of a May Queen, dancing around the maypole and other activities for youngsters, with refreshments and perhaps a BBQ at lunch time at the MVH. To be confirmed at next meeting.
- 12th May – Cinema – tbc.
- 19th May – Disney Princesses Show
- 18th June –Sale Trail – Rob has drawn a village map to mark sites.
- 2nd September – Jumble Sale in MVH
- 6th October – Village Quiz – Booked into Priory Room.
- Christmas Fayre – 26th November – Booked into Priory Room.
- Old Time Music Hall and Cabaret – Will be early in the New Year to re-open the hall.
- Ceilidh – This could be on a Saturday in February. Maggie to check whether Skedaddle and a caller would be available.
- New Year's Eve Dance – Not going ahead as Sports Club and The Blue Boar are already having events and we do not wish to clash with them.

- 6. Finance Report:** I Bartholomew reported a quiet month on the Community Council account with balances of £3,023.40 and £41,338.00 in the MVH account, of which £39,585.20 is in the Building Fund.

7. Hall Matters

- Health & Safety Issues – None.
- Storage facilities –Gardens Weekend will contribute £1,000 on receipt of a copy of the paid invoice. Ian Bartholomew has completed an online application for a grant of £1,300 towards costs.
- Grounds Maintenance – Two tenders had been received. Rob Barber proposed that we accept Ed Batrum's tender for the coming year, seconded by Ian Bartholomew and passed unanimously.

- Toilet floors – It was noted that some minor blistering of the surface had occurred to the flooring in the toilets and that remedial action was required.

8. Stage 4 Hall Project

- Consideration of tenders – The Treasurer reported that funds were now in place. Three tenders were considered and it was proposed by Keith Rothern, seconded by Trevor Roberts, and agreed unanimously that we now proceed, in consultation with our Architect, to enter into a formal contract with our preferred contractor, D S Mead Ltd, for the work to begin on 25th September 2017 and to be completed in time for reopening on 1st January 2018.
- Alternative venues for hall users – We will work with current regular users to try to find alternative venues. **However, users should note that during this period Post Office and Coffee Shop will continue with access via the kitchen door instead of the main entrance.**

9. Correspondence – A letter was received from Emma Thurlow tendering her resignation from Committee.

10. Any Other Business

- Thanks were tendered to Richard Pratt and Lee Parrin for moving the telephone kiosk from The Street to its new site at the MVH.
- Ian Campbell reminded Committee that the Sports Club AGM was on Monday, 20th March.
- Ian Bartholomew asked for bank signatories – Keith Rothern and Shirley White agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.35.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 5th April 2017, 7.30 in The Six Bells **(Please remember the changed date!)**