

Parwich Memorial Hall Management Committee Meeting
8.00pm – 9.30pm 22nd February 2005
Memorial Hall
Minutes

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1. Present

Janet Bainbridge, John Barnett, Arnold Chadfield, Sandra Chadfield, John Fuller-Sessions, Mike Gerard-Pearse, Janet Gosling, Megan Griffiths, Amanda Johnson, Denis Laycock, Paula Lynam, Mike Radcliffe, Peter Simpson, Val Stevenson, Peter Trewhitt, Jane Harris, Bill Whitfield, David Wigley

2. Apologies

Pauline Laycock, Betty Fentem

3. Minutes of previous meetings

a) Minutes were signed off

4. Matters arising

The Secretary reminded all of the AGM date (23rd March) as this should have appeared in the last minutes

The curtain pole has been mended

The Vice Chairman has asked advice from Roger Cundy about redecorating the Hall. He has given a rough estimate of £1600/2000 for the outside which would be about a fortnight's work. Inside may need retouching below the dado rail. Decisions regarding whether to go ahead with this work will be made at a future meeting.

Roger Cundy has the new lock and spare keys and intends to fit it by next week.

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5. Day to day running of the Hall

a. Finance Update

The Treasurer gave his financial report (see report given out at meeting)

- The Treasurer asked that there be a nominated person to act as correspondent for the Charity Commission
- The Treasurer and the Chairman are still to meet regarding the named person for the Public Entertainments Licence and the caretaker role.
- It was agreed that a donation from the Memorial Hall Fund would be given to cover hire costs for Dorothy Foden's funeral.

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Other issues

- Permission was given via John Barnett for use of the Hall car park by construction contractors working on the adjacent building, (for the siting of one skip). However it was felt that access required by the machinery to fill the skip was a safety hazard for users, particularly children. The Chairman agreed to speak to Stephen Village about this as soon as possible to resolve the issue.

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b. Bookings Update

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- Bookings have been taken for March and April above the normal block bookings. REAP have booked 4 days and a day has been booked for a whist drive. In April Jean Compton is running several first aid courses for villagers.

c. Health and Safety issues

- None

6. Building the Future

i) Right of Way

The Chairman gave a summary of events since last year and a rationale as to why we accepted the proposals for option 3 build as background to further discussion over the right of way issue. He emphasised how important it was to pursue the option that was voted on, for the benefit of the Village as a we have a collective responsibility, rather than pursuing our personal views.

In response to questions raised at the last meeting

- There is no footpath from the Legion across this piece of land
- There can be no compulsory purchase order as the issue is a right of way, not ownership
- John Barnett, Clerk to the Parish Council is to meet with a solicitor (Chris Green) to help clarify the issues over roles and responsibilities of the Parish Council and the Management Committee and to check the Trust Deeds. Paula Lynam is to accompany John on behalf of the Committee. This to be reported back at the next meeting.

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John Fuller Sessions and Denis Laycock both suggested alternative solutions to the architect's plan to solve the issue of needing to build on the right of way. John Fuller sessions agreed to discuss these with the Design and Planning Group and report back to the Committee.

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7. AOB

- The Secretary shared a request for a discount for the First Aid sessions which are being run in the Hall. This was discussed, and as it is in aid of the Villagers and is not charging a fee, it was agreed it would be costed as a block booking. Denis Laycock also suggested that Jean Compton contact the Carnival and Recreation Committee. Another suggestion as a source of funding was the Parwich United Charities through Dot Hart. The Booking's Secretary agreed to pass this information on.
- Peter Trewthitt suggested there may be need for a Memorial Hall Grants Fund to support the above and other projects in the future. Peter agreed to bring some proposals to the next meeting.
- A Travelling Cinema has been reported in the Ashbourne Telegraph. Janet Bainbridge and Paula Lynam offered to follow this up to see if we could take up the opportunity in the Memorial Hall
- The Secretary agreed to put up a progress notice on the Village Hall

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- **The AGM has been set for 23rd March at 8.00pm in the Memorial Hall**

**Date of next meeting
8.00 – 9.30pm 22nd March 2005
The Sycamore**