

GUYHIRN VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held on 14 November 2007

Present:

Paul Carpenter	Chairman
Sue Pitcher	Vice Chairman
Tony Purdy	Treasurer
Angela Sexton	Secretary
Philip Peacock	Cambs ACRE
Jon Martin	
Joan Martin	
Jan Purdy	
John Chillingworth	
Terry Goode	
Terry Jennings	
Brenda Reay	
Sally Freeman	
Thelma Wadsley	Fenland Links

Apologies:

Rita Chillingworth
Paul Davis

3. Minutes of meeting 10th October 2007 were agreed subject to minor amendments and signed off as a true record.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- Nigel is Chair of the Pond Group not taken it over
- Letter received from June Clenshaw saying she no longer wanted to be a Trustee.
- Current list of Trustees Cllr Tony Fowler, Jon Martin, Erbie Murat, David Payne, Sue Pitcher, Cllr Cliff Edwards, Tony Purdy and Angela Sexton.
- After a meeting of the Trust on the 13 November it was decided that the Trust need only meet 2 or 3 times a year.
- Philip Peacock from ACRE was in attendance and is happy to attend any meetings or to give whatever help he can.

5. Update and Feedback.

- a (i) Quiz Night - John Chillingworth suggested that the next time we organised a quiz that we only had eight rounds.

The comments received from the feedback slips were very positive and in particular that the food was excellent. We made a profit of £525.

Future Quiz nights would be twice a year and we would aim to get a mailing list.

- (ii) Sue Pitcher advised that the disco for children under 13 was a success and the food went well. 83 tickets were sold (50p each) The next family type disco was planned for 19th December but with cold food only. There would be a Father Christmas attending. Tickets £1.

Sue thanked everyone who had helped make this so successful.

Parish Plan Action Group meeting will be on the 16 November 2007.

b. Upcoming Events

- (i) M R James Ghost Stories - 7.30 8th December at Village Hall. Flyers will be going out in the Guyhirn section of Village Voices plus a dozen on boards.

(ii) Summer Fayre

Sue Pitcher asked for views on whether we could agree to have a summer fayre or have we left it too late to organise. We must enquire from the other villages the dates they have planned for their events. If we decided to go ahead we would need a group of volunteers who are prepared to get involved in that group.

We need to advertise in the Wisbech Standard along with other Village notices.

Sue said alternatively perhaps we could have another family day again in the Summer with extra amenities such as stalls etc. It was agreed we will defer a decision until the next meeting. (Item to be kept on Agenda for next two meetings).

(iii) Xmas Meal

Sue Pitcher was going to ring around for venues and come back to us.

iv New Year Event.

After discussion it was decided that Saturday 12 January was a possibility for an event. It was suggested that a Barn Dance might be popular or a Célli. Brenda said she would get in touch with her contacts and find out if they would travel from Essex to Guyhirn. Jon would make contact when Brenda and Terry report back.

- c) **Cyber Café** – Bid was unsuccessful Terry Goode and Paul Carpenter .to look at alternative funding.

d) Pond group

- No further information since the survey.
- Funding - Thelma has written to the council to see if they would confirm who will be responsible for the maintenance of the pond and Thelma will follow up. She will contact Fenland Voluntary Services to find out if they can help after the initial application.

Philip talked about Breathing Spaces TV and he would pass information to us following his meeting at the end of the month.

e) Young People

Sue advised the group that the Jam Van would be visiting Guyhirn and Wisbech St Mary for a high technology event between 19 November and 10 December. We need to encourage the older youths to attend.

f) Village Hall

Thanks to Jon Martin the Council has contributed £1000. Terry Jennings has priced the flooring from Focus.

Erbie Murat has submitted a grant application to Roddens for £19,999 to cover building works, floor and door. Sue said a decision would be made shortly as to whether we had been successful.

Philip Peacock said he would forward to us more grant information. There is £500 at the Parish Council waiting for when we do the disabled toilets.

There are a list of checks and assessments required for the Hall i.e., Electricity and Fire Assessment and Philip Peacock offered to supply us with a check list of what we need to know.

f (i) **Rubbish Collection.**

Paul will talk to the Council about the dustbin outside the Hall. Terry Goode would make enquiries about a Company he knows that charges for taking away rubbish as that may be a cheaper option.

g) **Parish Council**

The Parish Council are still talking about buying the plot of land and are offering £10,000 but Paul Carpenter will try to negotiate.

Dianne Atkinson is the contact for play equipment funding.

Philip Peacock talked about "Play for Ideas" and he would keep us informed on buying field equipment for the play area as he was on the committee with Di Atkinson.

h) **Parish Plan**

Paul advised that there was a Parish Plan Action group who were reviewing the Guyhirn part of the Village Plan and updating where necessary..

The Wisbech St Mary Parish Plan needs to be submitted as a whole and therefore requires input from other sections of the community Philip Eden and Thelma Wadsley are progressing an over arching group for the whole parish. There is a Guyhirn consultation event planned for late February 2008.

6 **Actions & Priorities**

a) **Hall Bookings Procedure/Policy**

Hall Bookings will hopefully be available on-line in the near future with administration by Jon Martin and development by the Web Group comprising Paul Carpenter, Terry Goode and Terry Jennings.

It would be the responsibility of the person hiring the Hall to ensure all regulations are adhered to including no smoking; underage drinking and fire duties. With regard to fire evacuation, Philip Peacock offered to let us have the relevant documentation.

b) **Up to date Accounts** - We are still in credit.

(c) **Funding Applications** - Philip Peacock will advise.

(d) **Contact Information -**

Angela Sexton to email "change of address list" to Jon Martin and he will email to the group.

- (e) The Fletcher Memorial - Discussion took place regarding a memorial from the Village. Sally Freeman would contact the family and see what they might want.

7. **Any Other Business**

History Group

Brenda Reay advised that a preliminary meeting had taken place with those interested in local history. An ideas list had been produced by Brenda which she said could go on the web site.

A free trip around Elgood's Brewery had been organised on Saturday 1 December with food and tasting free.

The next meeting was on 20 November 2007 at Brenda & Terry's house and Chris Dean had been invited.

Walking Group

A walking trip is organised for Friday 30th November at Tydd St Giles.

Terry Goode spoke about a longer 45 mile walk organised previously by the RAF if anyone was interested. He said you didn't have to complete the whole walk and people could be sponsored to raise money for the Village Hall. He said it took place usually at the end of June.

Philip Peacock gave the Group a copy of the AON brochure

Sally Freeman gave an update on the Guyhirn Pre School Group

Date of Next Meeting:

**Please Note Change from Usual Time
7.30pm Tuesday 11th December 2007**