

BECKINGTON MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE

Minutes

10th July 2023 @ 7pm in the Main Hall

1. Present and In Attendance.

Mike Collins (Chair), Sara Coffield (Secretary), David Norman (Treasurer), Hannah Drury, Laura Parry

Also in Attendance

Suzanne Chillman, David Costello

2. Apologies

Jeanette Hurst, Stan Wilson

3. Minutes from June meeting

The June minutes were unanimously accepted by the committee.

4. Financial report.

DN reported that things are currently still stable; of note is the panto fundraiser money (income) and the annual rates have been paid.

ACTION: SC to forward business rates email

200 Club draw

5. Alcohol requests

6. AOB

Rumours of housing applications near the hall

ACTION: MC to research planning apps – look at Mendip hub

Sports Camp

SC raised the alarm on a sports event booked into the hall and queried whether it would churn up the cricket pitch. DC and HD reported that the hirer in question has a good reputation. MC volunteered to meet the hirer to discuss.

ACTION:

SC to contact hirer to arrange meeting with MC ASAP

7. Next meeting

14th August in the Clifford Suite

Working Committee.

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Matters Arising

Football Post

SW reported (by email) meeting up with the detectorist, before going away and he located one of the metal football post sleeves adjacent to the road but was unable to find the other one. The location was marked but further work is required to see where the other one might be.

DN commented that the other one will be exactly 24 feet away from the first, but the 24 foot line may or may not be exactly parallel to the fence; and the one found could be the left or the right post.

Leaking window main hall.

ACTION: DC to check leaking window in main hall

Playground Fundraiser Quiz – 7th October

HD reported that the playgroup subcommittee met in the pub since the last meeting and decided to just run with the organisation of the playgroup fundraiser quiz.

HD suggested changing the price to £12.50 a head including food. The committee agreed. They also talked to The Woolpack and Mes Amis about selling tickets at their venues. They agreed. DB has also agreed to make a curry – meat and veggie/vegan option. HD has bought bowls for serving the curry (£50). There will be a cash bar. Lou is happy to buy drinks. HD has designed a poster. DB quoted £1.50 a head for food (hoping for 50 people). Raffle on the night – DN has raffle tickets. It was suggested to have a table for promoting “sponsor a square”. The committee agreed. DC volunteered to help with the bar, MC also put someone from the choir forward and Sch’s husband was volunteered.

HD requested “all hands on deck” to help with the bar, serving food etc.

ACTION: HD to send poster ‘round to the committee and print posters out for distribution.

Dishwasher

SW has reported that the dishwasher is working perfectly well for the lunch club.

Hall left in a mess after wedding

The hall was left in a mess after a recent wedding. RS emphasised the need for deposit on big events. The cleaner has charged for the extra cleaning. The committee unanimously agreed to start charging deposits [on some events that have requested alcohol] at the committee’s discretion.

ACTIONS:

MC to draft an email to invoice the offending hirer an extra £150/200 and quote the Ts&Cs

SC to give MC the hirer’s details

DN to add deposit to Ts&Cs

Urn in the CS

ACTION: RS to order new urn

Illegal parking at the hall

MC reported meeting with the Parish Council and is also trying to get through to Somerset County Council for advice. MC emphasised that the committee can’t just put cones on the road and that we should not take any responsibility beyond our boundaries; it is actually a police or council matter. If the neighbours experiencing obstructions phone 101 enough times, they should deal with the matter eventually. It is on the PC agenda on 11th July.

2. Maintenance.

Sound System

MC spoke to The Players who denied owning the sound system. DN suggested that their ownership may have been years ago and that we need clarification on ownership before being able to move forward.

3. Events

4. Facebook/ Network. JH/HD

5. AOB.

BMH Sign

A shiny new sign is now up at the hall although MC suggested that it could do with being a bit more securely fixed along the bottom to avoid vandalism.

ACTION: DC to secure the sign

Rubbish collection

The committee queried the need for weekly or fortnightly bin collection. DN suggested weekly in the summer and fortnightly in the winter. The majority agreed to stick with fortnightly for now.

Glass Collection

DN reported that the glass co have reported no glass in the bin on a couple of occasions recently. It was suggested that we create a few signs directing people towards the glass recycling bins.

ACTION: JH to create recycling signs for bar etc

Projector screen mounting on the stage

DN pointed out that people keep taking down the projector screen as it's too low.

ACTION: DC to raise the projector screen mounting

Stage Curtains

DN reported that the stage curtains are not working. SCh had a look and identified that they just need some new metal hooks.

ACTION: SCh to obtain metal hooks

Clifford Suite Gas oven

DC reported that the gas oven from the Clifford Suite has been passed on to a single parent in need.

6. Next month agenda items

Future projects

7. Next meeting

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