

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HALLS COMMITTEE held on
Tuesday 23 September 2014 in the Parish Room, Village Hall, South Darenth at
7.30 pm.**

PRESENT: Cllr Terry Moyle (Chairman)
Cllrs Ian Blackamore, Adair Lewis, Dawn Mitchell, Eric Wilson
Brian Lelliot, Margaret Chapman (Short Mat Bowls)

IN ATTENDANCE: Heather Rohard, Parish Clerk,

13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Christine Page (holiday) Mike Crook

14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mitchell declared a pecuniary interest in Maintenance Matters.

15 MINUTES

The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed as a true record.

16 MATTERS ARISING

Cups and Saucers for Jubilee Hall Clerk continues to look for suitable for and purchase

Retractable Projector Screens Clerk to obtain quotes

17 WARMERSTREETS NON DOMESTIC PILOT PROJECT

John Parsonage, Director for this project attended the meeting to give an overview of the project; Government is funding project to help solid wall properties become more energy efficient with the aim of 400 properties benefiting locally. West Kent Housing has suggested show homes and the scheme will then be rolled out street by street.

Through contact with the Clerk who asked whether the Village Hall could be helped by this scheme, it is now being considered as a non domestic project. A Green Deal Assessor has already surveyed the building and has put together the advice report.

Warmerstreets will then put a proposal forward for consideration; for a domestic building a typical saving on having energy saving measures installed is 80%. John hoped that an offer would be in place within 6 – 8 weeks.

Cllr Moyle thanked John for attending the meeting and members looked forward to hearing what improvements would be available.

18 TABLES AND CHAIRS

The loan policy was discussed after several requests for borrowing tables. Members agreed that tables should not be loaned out at all.

Brian noted that tables are not always being stacked table top to table top which helps them to fit into the storage area and prevent scratching to table surfaces.

ACTION: Clerk to reinstate sign in storage cupboard if needed

19 MAINTENANCE MATTERS

The Clerk reported on maintenance that had taken place and items that needed attention.

Fire door signs to be ordered

Purchase of new fridge for Village Hall kitchen Clerk pleased to report that a 6 month old fridge had been donated by a hall hirer

Rotaspikes painting: the paint colour of the rotospikes was discussed with Traffic Grey RAL 7043 being preferred.

Brian asked why they had to be painted and felt that members of the Short Mat Bowls Club would object strongly to the cost which is approx. £2366.10. He would be writing to express their objection to the Chair of the Parish Council.

Conifer in Jubilee Hall Car Park: had been identified by tree surgeon as a possible risk in high winds and recommended it be reduced or cut to ground level.
RESOLVED to have the tree felled at cost of £240 plus VAT

Jubilee Hall internal door broken/split: not a hazard but unsightly Clerk to investigate cost of repair/replacement part.

Radiator pipe clips: Short Mat Bowls find they are catching the pipe whilst playing Bowls and ask for pipe to be fixed more firmly as the pipe keeps popping out of the clips.

20 REGULAR HIRERS

Short Mat Bowls asked whether it would be possible to install a show case for their club trophies which would be about 6 ft long with armoured glass. After some discussion about where it could be positioned there were concerns about the Insurance of the items and the value of the trophies attracting future break ins. With the Hall well used by a wide variety of groups for different purposes it was felt that it would be a risk to house the case in the Hall.

One of the reasons for wanting to display the trophies was to encourage new players and publicise the Club; it was suggested that Short Mat Bowls have a wall plaque made 'Home of South Darenth Short Mat Bowls Club' which could be positioned in the Lobby along with WI plaque to advertise their presence.

Brian mentioned that the understage access had been a great help and thanked the Committee for arranging this.

21 BEFRIENDING SERVICE APPLICATION

North West Kent Volunteer Centre requested the use of the Jubilee Hall on a weekly basis in response to need for a befriending service in the Parish. The committee agreed to provide the Hall free of charge initially for 6 months with feedback on how the sessions are going with provision for it to continue.

ACTION: Clerk to liaise with NWKVC and interested Councillors

22 DEFIBRILLATORS

The offer from KALC regarding bulk buying at discount was discussed but members felt this should be referred to the full Parish Council meeting as a Parish wide concern. The Village Hall was felt not to be the right location as it would add on travel time to those living in either Village, when 8 minutes is considered the window of opportunity to help a heart attack victim.

ACTION: Clerk to add to Parish Council Agenda

23 HALL BOOKING AND INVOICING

The Clerk reported that hall booking continue to be busy. Invoicing for regular hirers was late due to other work commitments but would be caught up in due course.

Kent Food Events and Brownie continue to have unpaid Invoices.

24 DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

18th November 2014

Meeting ended at: 9pm

Heather Rohard
Clerk to Council

Chairman

Date