

# **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ALLARDICE HALL, PARKHAM.**

**16<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

## **Those Present,**

Tony Lang, Margaret Clark, Penny Oldham, Linda Bird, Emma Beer, Sue Greensill,  
Marcus Lang, Pauline Sargent, Rachel Allen, Nick Day, Tina Pincombe, Marion Attewell.

## **Apologies,**

Richard Brook, Philip Priest, Garry Jennings.

Resignation from Jane Kite.

## **Minutes of the last meeting.**

M.C. Referred to the charging policy and requested the word “calculate” be replaced by the word “Inform”.

The minutes were read and agreed.

## **Treasurer s Report.**

Our treasurer produced copies of the statements of accounts up to 30.6.2019, showing a COIF Charities deposit of £26854, with additional information on items received but not yet showing on the account. These include a cheque for one hundred pounds for an electric meter in the hall for Pearce Construction while the building works are taking place.

## **Cleaner.**

Mrs. Helen Weller is employed by Tony Lang and the Trustees and takes most of her instructions from Margaret Clark.

P.O. Has fully investigated Helen s employment structure including contract and pension. Under the present arrangements, P.O. Makes the payments to Helen, and also pays her tax. There is a small cost to us for Westcotts for PAYE.

## **Historic Photographs.**

Photographs have been selected and the framing in hand to join others hanging in the committee room.

## **Land at Hawkan View.**

The Parish Council and The Hall Committee are not quite yet in unison concerning the management of the Open Space area which has been designated for the Hall s use from the sale of George Clinch s land.

The Trustees have long understood that the land would be leased to the Hall from the PC for a peppercorn rent but various intricacies in the execution of this have led to a more complicated scenario. The PC is considering retention of the control of the Open Space.

E.B. Explained that complications occurred when the 106 was changed and Slee Blackwell was replaced by Bazeley, Barnes and Bazeley. Discussions continue.

In addition, the PC will hold the cash part of the settlement which has to be spent within 10 years.

Thanks to those trustees who have put in so much time to resolve these issues. Ongoing.

Various suggestions ensued concerning the usage of the gift of land.

TL stressed the need for an extended car park endorsed by several members of the committee. EB explained that as the land is designated as an Open Space it would be unlikely that permission would be granted for its use as a car park.

Alternative sites were discussed for a car park one being the entrance to the Glebe Field if it could be obtained. Lighting and surface were considered a difficulty.

TL was reluctant to move the existing play facilities away from the Hall as families liked to enjoy the convenience of being able to enjoy events in the hall and watch the children at the same time.

Another proposal for the land use was a sports surface area this would cost about £40,000 but would be a significant asset for a range of activities in the community.

## **Heating**

The purchase of 1000 litres of oil from Winsoms was agreed. This company is the cheapest provider at present.

PO suggested the possibility that when oil was delivered it might benefit other village people to have their oil order at the same time for an even cheaper deal.

Information will be put in Parkham Pie.

EB suggested that the tank be cordoned off for the present time. Agreed.

## **Kitchen**

All equipment is now stacked and put away. Thanks to EB and RB and RS.

The new kitchen cupboard is to be blocked on one side in order that the other side can be locked for the storage of more expensive items and cutlery.

An inventory needs to be made.

Lynda will ask Helen to keep a check on the locked cupboard equipment.

EB asked for the purchase of some mugs. LB will order 12 mugs.

A note to go into Parkham Pie to remind people to return any hall crockery or equipment that they may have at home.

## **Any Other Business.**

EB informed the Trustees of grants and donations promised by Tony Inch, District Councillor, of £4103.73, and for the playground £5000 plus from New Homes, Devon Capital Funding for the rubber surface area to be paid straight into the bank.

MC suggested some of this could be found to heat the toilets.

MD estimated about £140. to adjust a flue pipe , and move a fence.

Mrs. Slee thanked the Hall for the flowers and concession for Mr. Slee s funeral wake.

Paulines Sargent updated the Trustees on progress with the Barn Dance planned for October 5th..

MC Andrew attention to a broken hinge and some glass needing replacement.

Mr. Tatum will be approached.

G Bridger will frame for display, a write up about the Allardice Hall.

Helen Weller asked that a Hoover be available for hirer s use. MC suggested a Henry .

Emma will get prices.

**Possible fun raising plans.**

Quiz Night. EB will ask Jo Turnbull to set questions.

EB to organise food. Provisional date, Nov. 23rd.

Safari Lunch , Spring 2020.

Next meeting September 10th.

Meeting closed at 9 pm