

**Brixworth Village Hall
Committee Meeting
28th January 2015**

Present: Dennis Coles, Bobbie Wardell, John Wardell, Amanda Pilgrim,
Libby Bowers, Hayley Wincott, Tony Pratt, Annie Curtis
In Attendance Sandra Moxon

1. Apologies

Sue l'Anson, Caroline Monk

2. Approval of November Minutes

Minutes approved

3. Matters arising

Sue to contact Waitrose with regard to a community matters box in the Kingsthorpe store within the next few weeks.
Sue has also got some spare chairs from under the stage so we now have 120 in the hall.

4. Bank position and Cheque signing

Year ending December 2014 balance in current account was £16145.02

Cheques for signing:

H Wincott £46.97, Moulton Domestic £793.00, PRS for Music £317.20, East Northants Council £180.00,
SSE £48.33, Absolute Electrical £65.68, CHI Fire £63.42, Ascomi £6.08

The committee discussed increasing hire rates where music was being used for an event to cover the cost of the music licence from PRS. This will be discussed at the AGM. The licence to sell alcohol was also questioned at a cost of £180 and Tony is going to look in to both of these costs with Hayley.

5. Stairwell damp project, progress report

Dennis thought that there was less damp in the stairwell but could not be sure. It was agreed that we would get David Slight (who was recommended by Sandra) to come and give us some free advice on what he thought the problem was. Hayley will be in touch with David to arrange a meeting. If nothing new comes from this report then it was agreed that we will get the wall repointed by Nigel Toseland. The quote for this is available to see on an email which was sent out by Dennis.

6. Redecoration internally

The entrance lobby and small hall will be painted in the February half term 16th-21st February by Randles at a cost of £1690.00. It was agreed that we should have plastic protection in some areas including the front of the stage.

7. Toilets and PHS contract

The personal hygiene contract has been cancelled with PHS by Hayley due to problems in the past and cost. A new local company will take over the maintenance of the sanitary bins and the water management system as of 5th February. PHS are uplifting the hand driers on Thursday 5th and these will be replaced by three new driers at a cost of £356.40 including VAT and fitted by Absolute Electrical on Thursday 5th February. This will save us over £300 a year as there will be no maintenance contract on the driers.

8. Time switches for lighting

Due to be fitted this week by Absolute Electrical.

9. Proposal to negotiate for additional land

The Parish Council wrote to Enterprise Inns on our behalf in October but had no response. After a telephone call to them by the Clerk in January, Enterprise expressed that the land was not for sale and if it was it would be a six figure sum. It was agreed that this was not an option now and we would consider looking at using the land at the front of the hall opposite the fire station in the future. Hayley will inform Becky that having extra land is no longer an option.

10. Brixworth Remembers

Sandra gave Hayley a list of sponsors as well as £40 cheque from Euroleathers, £25.00 cheque from Anglo American Motor Company, £15 cash from Hansons and £40.00 cash from Pitsford Cycles. Sandra is going to contact Hayley with details in order for final invoices to be sent out to outstanding donors. Sandra will also let Dennis have a copy of the programme so he can follow up with local garage. Hayley will send out an email within the next few days giving a final figure for all the donations. It was agreed that the money will be used for refurbishment.

11. AGM

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 4th March in the small hall at 1945. Dennis will contact Brixworth Bulletin, Hayley will put in on the notice board and Bobby will contact the Chronicle and Echo to inform the public

12. AOB

Sandra talked about her position at the meetings as we have no official representative from the parish council. Tony feels that we should have the parish council more involved with open channels between us. This will be discussed more at the AGM. Sandra will put herself forward as a committee member for the village hall at the AGM.

Little Acorns hire rates were discussed as there has been some discussions recently between Hayley and Becky with regard to hire rates. We are all going to look in to past records to see if there was any correspondence in 2014 with regard to a rate increase. Sandra is going to speak to the Mike Nice and the Centre to compare rates. It was suggested that we should look at all users rates again in 2016.

Annie Curtis from the U3A thanked the committee for moving the disabled sign to the front of the hall. It has made a big difference to the person who uses it as it gives easier access to the hall.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 23rd February 1945 at the George.