

MINUTES OF THE MEETING AT THE MILNER INSTITUTE
WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL 2013

PRESENT: - Revd Canon David Felix, Jemima Cornish, Lynda Hankey, Hazel Harkins, Sylvia Leitch, Helen Longmore, Jane Pocock, Dianne Ross, Tom Rossmueller, Roger Squires, Pam Taylor- Floyd, Dennis Wolstenholme.

APOLOGIES: Carole Hodgkinson, Alan Jones, Julie Priestner.

1. OPENING REMARKS

The meeting was chaired by Pam Taylor-Floyd (Vice Chairman) who welcomed all present to the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED 30TH JANUARY 2013

These were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING

No matters raised that were not covered elsewhere in the Agenda.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Denis advised verbally the state of the current and reserve accounts at the end of March. Printed details would be circulated at the next meeting. As he was having problems with HMRC regarding Milner paid staff it was suggested he contacted Janet Gould of the Parish Council or James Cartridge – the Village halls Adviser for assistance.

5. HALL MANAGER'S REPORT

(a) Jemima advised that the Gents Toilet has been mended but there was a problem with a crack on the wall. David would check the situation at the next Milner service.

(b) There had been a complaint that the current tea urn poured too slowly which was a problem when a large number of people wanted tea/coffee. The Committee authorised Jemima to investigate a replacement or an additional urn of a similar size.

(c) Jemima reported that we had lost the karate group due to another group in the area and that the over 60's had also stood down due to reducing numbers attending.

(d) A meditation teacher – subsequently understood to be Jemima, was looking at the Hall on the basis of two sessions a week.

(e) A Grit Bin was requested – the Committee approved.

(f) Jemima would contact Halliburton Electrical to give a quotation for the work required following the recent inspection.

6. FILM SHOW UPDATE

Dianne advised the financial position since the regular showing of films was introduced. It indicated that a profit was being made. The programme for the next 6 months was circulated.

7. WEBSITE/FACEBOOK FOR MILNER

This matter was fully discussed and the opinion was that in this “day and age” we should go ahead to advertise the Milner and hopefully get other interested parties to use it or attend ongoing functions. The quote prepared by Mark Longstaff was circulated and concern was raised by the cost of monthly maintenance. David would discuss this situation with Mark and emphasise our concerns. The other point that required clarification was who would be responsible for running and updating it. It was agreed that Jemima and Jane should undertake this role.

8. CHAIR REPLACEMENTS

Hazel confirmed that our initial bid for a grant had been rejected. It had been suggested that a repeat application should be made by the Milner rather than indirect organisations as this may be better received.

9. FUTURE EVENTS

Summer Events were circulated covering:-

May Queen – 4th May

Wonderland Picnic – 6th May

Summer Fete – 29th June

Pam went into considerable detail outlining how she and Helen had been fully involved in contacting and discussing with various organisations and individuals how they could support these events. The present position looks very encouraging.

However it should be noted that the Table top/ Car boot sale scheduled for 20th July at Hollyhedge Farm had been withdrawn as it was felt that the location was too close to the main road. An alternative venue would be sought.

10. MILNER 50/50 DRAW 2013/2014

Roger advised that the “new season” started in April and he was hoping that the sum of £2400 raised last year would be met again this year. He thanked all collectors from last year for again expressing their willingness to cover their locations/ organisations. Initial returns, so far, were looking encouraging.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed as WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE 2013

(Please put in your diary!)