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ECCHINSWELL VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

01 September 2009

Attendance: P Oldring

C Hutchins Treasurer
B Fry Football
S Fionda Caretaker
L Hutchins Secretary
J Hamilton Booking Clerk

Chairperson

ApologiesAlan Spalding

Minutes of last meeting agreed

Accounts

Chris stated that the accounts stand at £17,509.79 this is £200.00 less than last month.

The playing fields changing rooms water leak insurance claim has been approved by Crawfords' loss adjuster, Jonathan Pendennis, £1,763.00. I received the cheque this morning.

I met with B & D licensing department officer, Jessica Harris, on the 5th August and paid £56.50 for the change of licensing details, Nicola A Thorpe is now the premises supervisor. In the future she will need to be advised about any events involving the sale of alcohol. All private hire functions, with a pay bar, will be run by her. Any fund raising events she needs to be notified of. This is the correct procedure in keeping with the licensing laws. I am waiting for the final police licensing officer approval.

General topics.

Jill attended the meeting to clarify the way we intend to rent the hall in the future ie pricing of separate rooms and Chris's role of invoicing certain users who require an invoice. These are mainly the youth users guides, scouts and children's groups. She

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also believes there is scope for more usage of the hall by targeting these type of groups. With Jills' help we intend to market the hall to some of the local schools for children's parties, which seem quite popular at the moment.

Paul reported that he had spoken to John Broxis about the play park and John hopes to arrange for the borough to take over the responsibility for maintenance of the equipment and their playing surfaces. We will still be responsible for mowing the grass in the play park, if Johns' request is successful.

We have been invited to the Greenham Common Trust's annual event on Oct 1st at 5.30pm. It was agreed that we would try to create an event table, to portray what we have spent the grants on, which we received from them, totalling £16,000.00 over the last two years. This will be done with the help of Steve, laminating some photos, taken both inside the hall and outside in the playing fields, following the works as they progressed.

Football Report

Bill reported that the football season has started off very well, the ground repairs and drainage, for the top west pitch has recovered well. Bill has requested that the football clubs, using the pitches, could have the use of the Watership balcony room on match days. He would like to convert it to a lounge/bar area for the players and their supporters. We will then be getting proper use and taking full advantage of the balcony that has a brilliant view over the pitches. This would allow him to use the existing room in the changing block as an additional changing room and make use of both football pitches at the same time, this would hopefully increase the revenue to the hall.

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The date of the next meeting of the committee in Oct to be arranged!

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