

SPROXTON VILLAGE HALL

Management Committee.

Minutes of meeting 17-10-2013.

Present.. M Graham. J Smith. M Smith. J Haylock. S Jefferies. K Mullarky. P Jessop. S Coleman. R Sully.

Apologies:- J Watchorn. P Purse. R Bennett.

Agenda..

We began with an informal discussion about the recent spell of break-ins and thefts from the village and surrounding area. We need to be vigilant about taking notice of unusual/suspicious people and vehicles, and recording registration numbers etc.

Church.. Over the last few months nearly everything that can be stolen from the church has been stolen, with a near miss of the metal gates which have been removed for safer keeping. The church is now kept locked and the PCC would like to keep a key in a special box on the exterior of the village hall to enable access to the church for anyone who needs it. (except thieves!) This was agreed.

Children's Playground.. Since receiving a request for the addition of a slide to the play area, Susanne has researched suitable equipment and costs, including a site visit by a supplier. Inevitably the issue of safety was raised and it appears the cost involved for something suitable would be £6,000 + vat !!! We would like to have a slide for the children but unfortunately our budget does not allow. Separate fund-raising other than from the village hall would be required, therefore this matter is on hold for now.

Guy Fawkes Night.. Malise will ask N Cook if he is willing to loan his field again for a bonfire and fireworks. If this is ok the committee will organise the event.

Finances.. Josephine reported that at last the new MM Building Society

bank account has materialised! We are solvent but we have an insurance and an electric bill to pay. There will also be Fireworks to buy. It was noted that the Cream Teas on August Bank Holiday raised £281. Thanks to all concerned.

Caretaker.. Andrea Whatton is our new caretaker/cleaner and is settling in well to the vagaries of the village hall.

Any Other Business.. There is still a quantity of Bric-a-brac remaining in the shed left over from previous events, Philippa and Marion will offer it for a charity to collect. (not the Ducks or the Gazebos!)

Saltby Coffee morning.. has come to a close due to illness and it has been suggested that we might like to take it on. After discussion it was thought we could do something, maybe seasonal ie 4 times a year rather than fortnightly, which we felt could be too much of a commitment. Therefore pending!

Daily Newspapers.. Paper delivery to Sproxton from Croxton Kerrial is ending. Malise is looking at arranging delivery from elsewhere (? Buckminster) to a central point in the village ie Bus Shelter or village hall from where customers could collect their papers.

50-50 Club.. Having instigated, set this up and organised it over 3 years ago Philippa would now like to hand this over to someone else. Philippa has also proposed we have a village e-mail system in order to communicate information (eg. Warnings about thieves in the area.)

Christmas.. Last year the Children's Christmas Party was a great success. Games, tea, fun & laughter, and every child received a present. We would like to ask for help again this year so that the good children of Sproxton can have a party, and we can arrange for Santa to come before he gets too busy elsewhere!

Date of next meeting:- 8-1-2014

If anyone has any issues for the agenda please contact Rosie Sully
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We only have 4 meetings a year

So for those of us needing to plan our diaries well ahead:-

The next one is ----- Jan 8th 2014

Followed by----- April24th (AGM. Open meeting)

July 3rd summer meeting

Oct 23rd autumn/winter meeting

