



approximately £1,800 including new stage curtains and a second quote is being obtained.

- Car park surface maintenance – the potholes have been filled and Eileen Chandler has emailed the Council with a request for stone chips when they become available. This item is ongoing.
- Fridge freezer – Dave Cowdell reported that replacement of the refrigerant appeared not to be viable. It is expected that with the weather becoming milder, the fridge freezer will start working again but if not, we need to consider alternatives. Ian and Priscilla have pointed out that a fridge freezer costs about £80 per year to run so we should consider whether this is an unnecessary luxury item. We could also consider turning the fridge/freezer off when not in use to save money. Discussions included not replacing it at all (although this was not a popular choice); providing a fridge only, possibly with a freezer compartment or buying a small chest freezer to be kept in the shed and used when necessary. It was acknowledged that a power supply to the shed would be required if we were to take that option. Wayne Johnston suggested that, if we do decide to purchase replacement appliances, we should consider charity shops which sell electrical items in good condition. Sylvie Fawcett suggested finding out what refrigeration facilities other village halls provide. This item is ongoing.
- LED lighting - Dave will be doing a survey to establish the cost of replacing the existing lighting along with the expected life of any new bulbs. This item is ongoing.
- PAT testing/electrical work - Ian has had discussions with Andrew Lummis who has been sorting out our recent electrical problems. Andrew says we really need a new fuse box, update of cable to cooker (it trips out if all plates/ovens turned on), and new strip lights in the kitchen as the existing lighting does not conform to regulations. The whole job Andrew thinks would cost no more than £400. It was agreed to ask Andrew to also quote for the faulty light above the stage, the installation of a power supply in the shed for a light and freezer and PAT testing of appliances. It was agreed that, in principle, if Andrew is able to supply the relevant certification, we should ask him to carry out the work.

#### 4 **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman mentioned that the recent AGM had gone well, although there was only one attendee outside of the Trustees even though all residents of both villages had been invited along. He also mentioned that we now had a mechanism in place whereby all new Trustees are issued with a “welcome pack” containing essential information. The annual return had been completed.

#### 5 **Treasurer's Report**

Although the Treasurer had sent her apologies, she submitted the following Report: The current account balance is £2,499 after the most recent expenses of more than £1,300 have been settled (insurance, fire alarm inspection and general upkeep). The Virgin savings account balance is £10,065. Rosemary Tyler had acted as Second Signatory on the bank accounts for deposits and withdrawals, and as she has now

resigned, a volunteer is required. Eileen agreed to be Second Signatory if necessary. Priscilla to confirm the name/s of Second Signatories.

There is not much income expected over the next few months after the last film show of the season in April. There are only two regular yoga bookings per week, and these will cease over the summer holidays.

## 6 Village Hall Maintenance

- Village Hall Rota

March:	Siobhan Evans	June:	Janine Eves
April:	Joan Calkin	July:	Sylvie Fawcett
May:	Vanessa Simmons	August:	Dave Cowdel
- Screen upgrade – Jude mentioned that Mick Farrell and Steven Schwarz want to replace the screen and this has been agreed.
- Chair modification – Mick has come up with a method of modifying the new chairs to permanently fix the wooden spacers to the underside of each chair, ensuring that the cushions remain protected when stacked. Ian has pointed out that if we go ahead with this we will probably invalidate the guarantee, but this does not seem much of an issue to us since it is only the frame which is guaranteed and they are really robust. Wayne, Dave and Mark Tibbenham have offered to assist Mick with this task, and Jude will let them know when their services will be required.
- Replacement bulb for film projector – it was agreed to pay Steven Schwarz for the cost of a new bulb.
- Sale of roof tiles – we have been approached by an individual with a view to purchasing 70 of the old roof tiles and it was agreed to go ahead with the sale.

## 7 Review of Events

- Film shows: 24th January (Blue Jasmine), 21st February (Captain Phillips) and 21st March (Philomena). These were well attended, especially Philomena which was sold out with a waiting list. Vanessa Simmons mentioned that the new roadside signs were proving to be very effective and that a number of filmgoers had mentioned them.
- Quiz night, Friday 7th February – another very successful event which was sold out well in advance. Even though the ticket prices had been increased this time to £7 per person, this was still good value for money. Andy Wilkinson kindly donated samples of sushi which were very well received and Brian Haynes was, as usual, a very entertaining question master.

## 8 Future Fund Raising Events and provisional dates

- Future film shows – the next film, Sunshine on Leith will be on 25<sup>th</sup> April, and then there will be a break for the summer. Suggested dates for the next season are 26<sup>th</sup> September, 24<sup>th</sup> October and 21<sup>st</sup> November, subject to Steven Schwarz and Mick Farrell's availability. It was agreed that the most successful films seem to fall into the "middle of the road" genre, although it was suggested that we put a note on the next flier, soliciting opinions by email.

- Midsummer Thornham Family Bun Day– it was generally agreed that instead of the usual cheese and wine evening, we should try a different village “get together” so a Midsummer Thornham Family Bun Day was suggested, which could coincide with the unveiling of the new seesaw and swing in the children’s playground. A date of Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> June between 2pm and 5pm was suggested and would very likely take the form of an afternoon tea with donated cakes, children’s activities, a bar for the adults and a competition to find the “Thornham Bun”. Sylvie agreed to give this more thought.
- Summer dance: Jude agreed to organise this once again and it was agreed to charge £5 per head and that only nibbles would be provided, not a full meal. The date of 9<sup>th</sup> August 2014 was suggested and is to be confirmed pending the availability of those involved.
- Quiz nights: tentative dates of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014 and 6<sup>th</sup> February 2015 were agreed. There were lengthy discussions regarding the feasibility of holding a more regular quiz, as these seem so popular and generate a healthy income. Reasons against were the amount of preparation involved in providing the food and the obligation on Brian to act as quiz master each time. It was thought that if Brian was agreeable, we could consider a quiz during the summer with a less onerous catering element. This is still to be decided.
- Xmas fayre: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014
- Jumble sale: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2015

9 **Any Other Business**

Siobhan said that she would send an email to Maureen Lummis and Rosemary Tyler who have stepped down as trustees, extending the appreciation of all the Trustees for their commitment in the past and in the present, as they have both said they would be happy to help out with future events when possible.

Siobhan also mentioned that she plans to send a regular electronic newsletter to “Friends of Thornham Village Hall” which would give interested parties early notice of events and also request help and suggestions. This newsletter would be copied to Trustees.

**Date of next Meetings:**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2014  
 Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014

Meeting closed at 8.49pm.