

**THORNHAM VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016**  
**7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**PRESENT**

Helen Belsey	Joan Calkin	Eileen Chandler
Dave Cowdell (Chairman)	Siobhan Evans (Secretary)	Janine Eves
Jude Farrell	Sylvie Fawcett	Ian Macrae
Priscilla Macrae (Treasurer)		

**1 Apologies**

Richard Jannaway                      Judy O'Keefe

**2 Election of Chairman**

Dave Cowdell was unanimously elected as the new Chairman and welcomed by the Trustees.

**3 Minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 meeting**

The minutes were passed as an accurate record.

Proposed: Eileen Chandler                      Seconded: Janine Eves

**Matters Arising**

- Stage: carpet and woodworm treatment – Priscilla Macrae reported that all this work has now been carried out and the Trustees all agreed that the stage now looks very smart and many thanks were extended to Priscilla for her hard work in this matter.
- Entrance to the hall – Siobhan Evans has been liaising with Vanessa Simmons on the subject of improving the look of the hall entrance. Any extensive planting may need to wait until the Spring, but in the meantime, Siobhan will give this some thought and try to come up with a plan. Ian Macrae mentioned that the gardener had sprayed weedkiller on the weeds and nettles around the building, and this seems to have enhanced the general appearance.
- PAT testing – Dave Cowdell reported that this has now been done.
- New thermostat – Dave agreed to speak to Steven Schwarz to get clarification on his suggestion for a new thermostat.
- Windows: damaged putty – Ian spoke to Peter Tyler, who wasn't sure what we can do to prevent birds from eating the putty in the windows. It is not clear how bad the problem is, and it was agreed to monitor it.

4 **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman had nothing to add outside of the existing Agenda items, except to say that the Village Hall has been the venue for some excellent events and that the Trustees should be commended for their continuing efforts.

5 **Treasurer's Report**

Since the AGM, the Treasurer has been trying to update the Lloyds Bank account with new signatories. After protracted communication with the bank, it seems a new account is necessary and this process may result in having no account open for about a week.

The bank account balances are as follows:

Current account	£2,376
Virgin deposit account	£12,817 (with an interest payment due)

6 **Village Hall Rota**

June	Eileen Chandler	October	Siobhan Evans
July	Sylvie Fawcett	November	Janine Eves
August	Jude Farrell	December	Joan Calkin
September	Judy O'Keefe		

7 **Village Hall Maintenance**

- Ian reported that Mike Gooderham has spread some of the stone chippings on the car park, moving the rest to the recycling area and that there should be enough stones to last for a few years. Siobhan agreed to write to Mike, thanking him for this and also for cutting the hedges.
- There have been issues with the oil tank alarm, which Ian thinks needs a new battery.
- Ian reported that the fire alarms will be checked and the yearly certificate issued this week.
- Dave will look at the shed roof to see if it can be better protected from the elements.
- Priscilla said that some of the tablecloths are badly stained, and the Trustees accepted her offer to purchase fabric and make some more.

8 **Review of Events**

- Film Nights: 18th March "Brooklyn", 22nd April "The Lady In The Van" and 20<sup>th</sup> May "Bridge of Spies" - as usual, these events have been very well attended and there has been much positive feedback in terms of the picture and sound quality as well as choice of films. It was agreed that Siobhan would write to Steven Schwarz, Peter Tyler and Mick Farrell to thank them for the extraordinary contribution they make.
- Village Get Together, 6th May – another successful event, friendly and informal with lots of new villagers in attendance. It was agreed that the format of this event struck just the right balance.

9 **Future Fundraising Events**

- Summer Dance – the date is now set for 30th July and advertising is already underway in the Messenger and on the roadside. Fliers will be distributed in the next Messenger and Eileen Chandler will contact the newspapers. All Trustees are encouraged to put fliers up wherever they think they will be effective. It was agreed to meet up at the hall on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 10am to discuss the final arrangements. Ian said he would ensure that the grass is cut for this event.
- Dog Show: 18th September\* – Dave reported that his wife, Viv Cowdell, will be donating rosettes and that she has also secured an experienced judge for this event. Siobhan will contact the Trustees separately to schedule a preliminary meeting within a couple of weeks. Ian was asked to ensure that the grass is cut for this event also.
- Quiz Night – a new date of 25<sup>th</sup> November\* has been suggested, to be confirmed in due course.
- Xmas Fayre – now confirmed for 12<sup>th</sup> November.
- Jumble Sale – 21st January 2017
- Film nights – provisional dates of 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 21<sup>st</sup> October and 18<sup>th</sup> November\* with possibly a children's film in December were selected, pending availability of the "Film Crew".

10 **Any other business**

- New Trustees – Helen Belsey was welcomed on board as a new Trustee.
- Priscilla has made it clear that she wishes to relinquish her role as Treasurer during the course of the next year and Janine Eves asked for a clarification of that role.

**Date of next Meeting:**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Meeting closed 8.50 pm

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\* Since this meeting, dates for some events have changed as follows:

- Dog Show: 11th September
- Quiz Night: 18<sup>th</sup> November
- Film nights – provisional dates of 30th September, 28th October and 25<sup>th</sup> November