

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING AT THE MILNER

THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2013

PRESENT: Revd Canon David Felix, Jemima Cornish, Lynda Hankey, Hazel Harkins, Sylvia Leitch, Dianne Ross, Thomas Rossmueller, Roger Squires, Pam Taylor-Floyd, Alan Thomason.

APOLOGIES: Lilian Morris, Jane Pocock, Julie Priestner.

After the Chairman had welcomed all to the meeting, and before discussing items on the Agenda, Hazel said that she had noted that in the minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> June no reference had been made that Mark Longstaff had been awarded the contract for the Website design and maintenance and that work had commenced.

This point was discussed by the Committee and the general opinion was that this matter was not yet resolved due to the high costs submitted for the work to be carried out and the high costs of monthly maintenance over the next 2 years of £60 per month. David to have further discussions with Mark and would report back at the next meeting.

It was suggested that any matters in the minutes that the committee wished to query should be raised before the Chairman signed them at the following meeting. (i.e. the minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> June would be signed at the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> October) This has been the previously accepted procedure.

1. In his opening remarks David confirmed that Dennis Wolstenholme had resigned as Milner Treasurer due to personal reasons. At this time no other name had been put forward and it was suggested that an advert be placed in the Moore Parish Council Newsletter.

ACTION- Pam

### 2. TREASURERS REPORT

(a) This was put forward by David who confirmed that following Dennis' resignation the appropriate paperwork had been passed to Lloyds Bank and for the time being all statements, details etc, would be forwarded to him. David confirmed that the Bank balance on 24<sup>th</sup> September was £4025.76.

(b) Gift Aid – It was agreed that Jocelyn Squires would undertake the responsibility for claiming Gift Aid for the Milner Gift Aided donations which includes donations given for chairs.

(c) British Gas – The Milner was in debt by £19.00 w.e.f. 3<sup>rd</sup> October. In future Jemima would be taking monthly readings on line.

### 3. HALL MANAGER'S REPORT

(a) The Whist Drive would no longer be held at the Milner due to reduced numbers attending.

(b) The Thursday Exercise class would also be standing down.

(c) The costs of using the Milner on the draft website were nonsense. There should be no difference in the village and non- village organisations using the Hall.

{Note – the draft website has been taken down}

(d) Sylvia volunteered to be a Trustee for the Grant Application for acquiring the chairs.

(e) The parish council are booking the hall on the first Wednesday of each month.

(f) Jemima is booking the hall for Meditation classes on Wednesdays.

(g) Yoga in Cheshire classes booking regularly at weekends.

(h) A Christmas party for the Whist Drive to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> December with prizes and other gifts to be contributed in recognition of the 50 years plus that the whist section have met at the Milner. David to liaise with Jill Bright.

(i) A sanitary bin to be acquired for the Ladies Toilet.

#### 4. WEBSITE/ FACEBOOK FOR THE MILNER

David noted the comments made and will be having further discussions with Mark re costs and lack of progress.

#### 5. SUMMER CHURCH FETE 29TH JUNE

An enjoyable day in summer sunshine with Frodsham Silver band participating. Some £2000 being raised.

#### 6. TABLETOP/CARBOOT SALE 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Approximately £230 raised for the church. If held again, not on a Saturday.

#### 7. A.O.B

(a) Bruce is reported to be organising a village festival in 2014. It is hoped that this will get the community more involved with the Milner.

(b) Alan raised the action necessary to resolve the problem regarding the trees. Pam has the Application form and David will sign it.

(c) After discussion it was agreed that the word "Institute" be dropped from the title of Milner Institute as it was considered that the word "Institute" was rather old fashioned and somewhat Victorian for 2013 and would deter would be users.

Action to be taken by those involved.

(d) Dianne to investigate the possibility of forming a *film club* as this could be a financial advantage.

(e) Jemima to organise a Jumble sale for February 2014. Details to follow.

#### 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**23<sup>rd</sup> January at 8.00 p.m at the Milner\***

#### 9. 50/50 DRAW – OCTOBER

The draw for October was made and will be posted in the Village shop and on the Church and Milner Notice Boards.

After note:- Please note this date has been amended to **13<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

