

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING AT THE MILNER INSTITUTE**  
**WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2012**

**PRESENT:** - Revd Canon David Felix, Jemima Cornish, Natalie Grice, Lynda Hankey, Carole Hodgkinson, Lilian Morris, Julie Priestner, Dianne Ross, Roger Squires, Pam Taylor- Floyd.

**APOLOGIES:** - Judith Helsby, Alan Jones, Sylvia Leitch.

Whilst David Felix advised he would be late arriving due to a meeting he was attending in Widnes overrunning, the Committee decided to go ahead and deal with certain items on the Agenda that did not require David's direct involvement.

**1. HARVEST QUEEN**

No format for this year's harvest Queen has yet been arranged, but Pam and Natalie would endeavour to organise the occasion with the event to take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

**2. FILM SHOWS**

Dianne confirmed the dates and the Films to be shown during the coming months as follows: 13<sup>th</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, and 6<sup>th</sup> July

**3. QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE PROPOSALS**

A number of events are scheduled to be held at the Milner during June.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 9.15 -12.15 Pre-school event for pupils

19.00- Film – The King's Speech

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Jubilee Exhibition and Film

(David to liaise with Lilian regarding old village photographs and other memorabilia.)

15.00 – 16.30 Brownies Afternoon Tea

**4. TRUSTEES MEETING**

David to arrange a meeting with all Trustees to update them on their responsibilities and duties. Alan Jones to be consulted and advise.

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Carole reported that the finances were running steadily for the moment but there were several major items that would require significant expenditure if the decision was taken to go ahead e.g. Chair replacements and redecoration of the Hall. Other running costs e.g. gas would be costing more. The question of increasing the Rent was considered, but it was likely that this would cause certain organisations to leave the Milner. The Rainbows have already stated they are moving to Sandymoor.

David and Carole would review the position and decide the action to be taken regarding the increase in Rent.

**6. HALL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Among the matters covered were

a) The replacement of chairs for the Hall.

Current quotes are £29 +VAT for a stacking meeting chair

and £34 + VAT for a stacking chair with arms. Both upholstered in Advantage

Kingfisher. It was proposed that Hall users may be prepared to purchase a chair.

- b) Hall decoration. Fiona Watkins, formally of Laura Ashley, now of her own design company recommended that the main walls and ceiling to be painted in Skylight – colour card shown at the meeting, together with her covering letter and recommendations. Fiona had made no charge for her consultation and had been impressed by the excellent quality of this iconic ‘Arts and Crafts’ style building.
- c) External work on roof and other facilities. David has quotes and will apply for a grant.
- d) Insurance claim re stolen lead from roof.  
David meeting up with the insurance company within the next 2 weeks.
- e) New radiators  
Natalie awaiting 3 quotes.
- f) Lighting and electrical work  
Jemima to oversee and organise as necessary when funds are available
- g) Timings regarding the attendances by user groups. David strongly emphasised that timings must be met by all groups/organisations using the Hall.

#### **7. CLUB 50/50 DRAW**

A new ‘season’ starts in April.

There had been an excellent response from this year’s collectors to continue for 2012/2013. David would be providing a covering letter shortly which would be distributed with the application forms via the collectors.

The draw for Feb and March 2012 was made and will be published in the Milner and the Village Shop.

#### **9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Although scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> May, it has been necessary to change the date to **16<sup>th</sup> May**.

**PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE IN YOUR DIARIES**