

KNEBWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Village Hall Committee held on Wednesday 24 September 2014 in Knebworth Village Hall at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mrs Rosemary Conybeare, Mr Kevin Burr, Dr Graham Fothergill and Mr. Roger Willcocks

In Attendance: The Clerk

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Hemingway.

2. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes

Proposed by Mr Willcocks, seconded by Dr Fothergill and

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting of the Village Hall Committee, held on 2 July 2014, be approved and signed.

4. Heating

NHDC has awarded a grant of £7000 to replace the heating system. Quotes were reviewed.

Proposed by Mr Willcocks, second by Dr Fothergill and

RESOLVED: that the quote from Watret to upgrade the heating and water system in the village hall be accepted.

5. Drainage

The line of the storm water drain has been identified and cleared, however a catchpit requires repairs.

Proposed by Mr Willcocks, seconded by Dr Fothergill and

RESOLVED: that the quote from Draincall to repair the catch pit, flush the storm water drains and lay an aco drain along the west side of the building be approved.

6. Noise

A resident has complained about noise levels from the Village Hall. Another resident has stated that since the introduction of the earlier finish times that noise has not been an issue. The committee agreed that the hall is well established and residents purchasing property in the vicinity should expect higher levels of activity than another residence. The committee agreed to review the terms and conditions of hire at the next meeting.

7. **Financial Review**

Accounts for six months showed that income at £11,631 is 25% over budget and expenditure at £14,963 is 9% under budget.

8. **Budget 2015/16**

Proposed by Ms Smith seconded by Mrs Conybeare and **RESOLVED** that the draft budget for 2015/16 with income of £20,000, expenditure of £28,650 and no capital expenditure be recommended to the Parish Council.

9. **Any Other Business**

- 9.1 Link Up would like to replace the kitchen clock and add a plaque.
- 9.2 Quotes for additional secure storage are being obtained.

The meeting closed at 7.52 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for 26 November 2014.

Chairman _____

Date _____