

Minutes of the ORAC meeting held 2 March 2009

Those present: Steve, Dawn, Andrew, Di, Nigel, Donald, Linda, and Gordon.

Apologies: Rob, Daniel, Amanda, Scott and Ryk.

Chairman's Welcome: Steve thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Di was asked to check that she had the correct email address for Dan and Amanda.

Minutes of the previous meeting: were read and agreed. The quiz night had subsequently been changed from 25th April to 18th April.

Secretary: Di reported that she had sent out letters to various village groups about the joint meetings, and several favourable replies had been received. It was decided that a first meeting be suggested to the other groups for 29th April in the village hall at 8.00pm. Di to send letters/get in touch. It would be suggested that following the first meeting chaired by Steve, that a different person could chair each meeting. It was thought that each group could give a brief explanation of what their group did, plus give any dates of particular events etc. A letter had been received from the Parish Council and Steve would reply to this.

Treasurer: Due to her computer being 'down', Dawn distributed a shortened version of the accounts, showing the balances only. She reported that she had submitted applications for a further £8,000, in grants for the new village hall.

Oracle: The next edition of Oracle was due out this week. The following is an approximate time-table for future issues:-

		Deadline	Approx Delivery
Summer 2009	No. 60	18th May	1st week of June
Autumn 2009	No. 61	14th August	1st week of September
Winter 2009/10	No. 62	13th November	1st week of December

Village Green: The spring bulbs are beginning to be seen. It was noted that the posts, village sign and the notice board were in some need of renovation. Donald and Steve would see to this.

Village Hall: The mice are no more!!

Play Area: The weeds are starting to grow through again and the bark needs re-raking. Steve would attend to the weeds and a working party would be arranged for the bark.

Playing Field: Concern was voiced again at the amount of dog-fouling that was taking place on the field. This had been found not just around the edges of the field, but on the football pitches as well. Discussion followed concerning the fact that dogs are not allowed onto the field at all, and Steve would email Stephen Hubner to see what could be done to actually enforce this ban legally.

Steve also agreed to print some signs regarding the dogs and they would be placed at the end of the drive and on the pre-school shed.

New Village Hall: It was noted with delight that the walls are now starting to go up! Hard-core had been laid to accommodate a temporary car parking area. It had been decided that the heating system would be by oil-fired radiators. Discussion took place around the security and siting of the oil tank. The water would be heated by under-sink electric heaters. A telephone line would need to be ordered. The subject of what the new charges would be for the hall, had still to be decided and it was decided that a sub-committee would be set up to investigate this matter and to set the rates. Dawn and Steve would attend the next site meeting.

Fund Raising: The arrangements for the quiz night were all in hand.

Tickets were available from Di, and teams would be limited to 6 people.

Athelington Hall had been booked for the Rock 'n' Roll Nite. It was noted that 'Elvis' would be in the building! Wally Disco had been booked. Dawn would confirm with Lindsay and Dee that we wished

them to organise the catering, with committee members helping as in previous years.

Steve had drawn up a plan of the evening and Nigel said that he had a friend who would help behind the bar.

Tickets available from Di.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.15pm.