

ORAC MEETING 21st April 2009

Present: Steve, Dawn, Andrew, Rob, Nigel, Donald and Gordon Erhorn

Apologies: Amanda, Di , Linda & Scott

Steve welcomed everyone to the meeting. Minutes of the meeting held on 02/03/09 were read and approved.

MATTERS ARISING

Donald has overseen strimming of the Village Green. Notice Board to be wire brushed and stained

Dog fouling signs to attach to Pre School Shed to be actioned

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dawn gave Di's report in her absence, which was simply to report that around 14 attendees were currently expected at Village Group meeting on 29/04/09.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dawn distributed the regular Finance Report. The first detailed transactions up to 31/03/09 and the second, up to meeting date.

Main account stands at £3,847.80

Petty Cash stands at £387.08

Residents' Fund stands at £345.38

New Village Hall Fund stands at £29,681.76

It was noted that our annual insurances had been paid to Suffolk ACRE (£452.09) during the period – to increase upon taking possession of the new hall (quoted annual premium £1,000).

The recent Quiz Night made a profit of some £300 towards the new hall fund.

Now that 100 Club to end, it was decided to leave resulting Residents' Fund balance alone and utilise on new equipment as and when required.

The draft Year End Accounts were also then distributed.

Since the last meeting, new funds pledged to the new village hall project had been received from the Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation - £2,000 and the Suffolk Single Gateway Fund - £3,000.

ORACLE

Next ORACLE deadline noted as 18th May.

WEBSITE REPORT

Steve reported that on-line booking of the hall is available via the website.

PLAY AREA

It was noted that the annual weed growth seems to be reducing and hence the area much tidier.

PLAYING FIELD

Dog fouling signs and field 'rules' need to be ready to be applied once new notice board goes up along side new hall.

NEW VILLAGE HALL

Steve and Rob reported that the building project is well on target and in budget. Our major risk at the moment is the cost of upgrading the electricity supply. This is expected to be advised within the next fortnight. Nevertheless, the budget includes a significant level of 'contingency', which should cover this.

The planned demolition of the old hall has been put back so that Pre School finish this term in the old hall.

Our next Site Meeting is scheduled for early May, which both Steve and Rob would attend.

A proposal for pricing at the new hall was then discussed. It was generally felt that the hall should remain competitive with neighbouring village halls, but not prove prohibitive to the Occold community, and the pricing structure should be simple to understand.

FUNDRAISING

ROCK & ROLL NITE – Saturday 23 May – Athelington Hall

Entertainment all confirmed (including a cartoon artist who will give a 50% contribution of his takings to the event). Menu and venue cost still to be confirmed.

Big Image Photography to be contacted to see if available

NVH GRAND OPENING

The best date for any Grand Opening discussed. The original planned date of 29/08/09 could leave us with several members of the community away on holidays and missing the opportunity to be involved. It is also possible with demolition of old hall being put back two weeks that we could be running very close to handover date. Therefore, it was proposed that we aim to put this back to 19/09/09. We hope to run something like the Fete/Fun in the Field for the event.

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY WWII EVENT - Saturday 14 November NVH

The Andrews family would like to run an event in November under the ORAC banner.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None raised.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

ORAC AGM on 12/05/09.

Meeting closed at 11.20pm