

Summary of the Minutes of the ORAC meeting held 14 September
2010

Present: Rob, Dan, Linda, Dawn, Dee, Andrew, Bill, Nigel,
Gordon and Di

Apologies: Donald, Lindsay and Scott

Secretary's Report/Correspondence: The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and were approved. Correspondence received since the last meeting, was shared with the committee.

Treasurer's Report: Dawn handed out the current balance sheet to the committee.

The annual accounts have now been audited and committee agreed that these should be signed off as complete.

Three funding applications had been submitted. MSDC had approved an application for £1000.00. One other had been turned down, and the third was still pending.

Dawn asked for committee's agreement to pay officers expenses to Rob, Dan, Dawn and Di. This was agreed.

Committee also agreed for purchase of a wreath for Remembrance Day.

Matters Arising:

Noise issues: Committee were informed that the appeal which had been submitted against the noise abatement order, would not now go ahead, following talks with MSDC and their agreement to revise the wording of the notice. A meeting had been held with officers from MSDC at the village hall, at which various matters had been discussed surrounding the 'noise issues'. It had been agreed that

1. Rob would arrange for a survey and estimate of costs involved, in placing attenuation hoods over the rear extractor vents.
2. ORAC to pursue funding from ES&H, for costs of attenuation hoods and sound reverberation panels in the main hall.

Weed control: Dan has the appropriate weed-killer and will apply when weather conditions allow.

Trees on village green: Have now been felled.

Padlock to oil tank: Dan to fit padlock. Dawn to check if insurance covers oil-theft.

Dog Fouling on field: Dog fouling had once again been found on the field. Committee discussed purchase and siting of notices regarding banning dogs from the field. Andrew to source signs, and a prominent feature concerning dog fouling, would be included in the next Oracle. Andrew was also asked to source litter bins for the field.

Fun Evening: About 50 people enjoyed themselves at this event.

Village Hall: Discussion centered around the cleanliness of the village hall. It was agreed that, in accordance with previously agreed instructions, a deep clean should now be carried out by Bill and Liz.

Rob reported that he and Dawn had attended a meeting with our clients' agent and the builders, at the end of August. This had resulted in a list of over 40 items being submitted for correction. The builders would be on site over the next few weeks working on these items.

Committee agreed that an 'advert' be placed in the next Oracle, for local trades-people, who could be contacted in the event of emergencies at the hall and, for annual servicing of the boiler etc. An appeal would also be placed in Oracle for local people to keep an eye on and help maintain, the play area.

Fund Raising: The Italian Meal evening is due to take place on 9th October. Di would be the contact for tickets, at £12.50 each. Petra had agreed to come and sing during the evening.

Future Fund Raising: The annual Christmas Meal would be held on Saturday 4th December at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Tickets to cost £10 and £8 for concessions. Di would be the contact for tickets.

Any Other Business:

The Big Lottery conference was held at the village hall in July. On talking with other village hall providers, it was found that all of the 'new-builds' had the same problems with internal echo as we are experiencing.

The next Village Groups meeting was due to be held on 20 September, at which Rob agreed to chair.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Date of next meeting: 16 November 2010