

Summary of the Minutes of the ORAC meeting held on 2 March 2010

Committee Present: Steve, Andrew, Dawn, Linda, Nigel, Rob, Donald, Scott, Dan and Di. Gordon joined the meeting after 9pm

Apologies: None - all present

Minutes: of the previous meetings of 12 and 18 January 2010, had been circulated and were agreed.

Secretary's Report: Di outlined various items of correspondence that had been received since the last meeting, among these it was highlighted that several items from a villager had been received, regarding noise levels emanating from the hall site. In order to try to address these issues, a meeting had been held between the correspondent and his wife, with Steve, Rob, Dawn, Di and Stephen Hubner, representing ORAC. Following the meeting, discussion took place concerning this matter and an agreed letter in response, would be sent to the villager and copied to Mid Suffolk District Council Licensing Department and Environmental Health Department. Steve asked different committee members to be responsible for going forward on the various points as raised in the letter and items among these were as follows:-

1. Purchase and fitting of curtains to patio doors and back windows of main hall
2. Purchase and fitting of hoods to rear extractor vents
3. Apply to MSDC for possible grants towards purchasing and fitting noise-limiting equipment in the hall
4. Ensure amended Terms & Conditions published on web site
5. Letter to be written to disco providers regarding noise limits

Treasurer's Report: Dawn distributed the current balance sheet. Discussion took place as to whether the hire fee for the hall for the Appeal For Haiti event, should be waived. Committee agreed not to waive the fee as it was felt that this could set a precedent for future events.

Dawn would be attending a dinner in London, hosted by the Clothmakers Foundation, one of our major funders.

Dawn presented samples of curtaining material and committee agreed on the material to be used.

Oracle: Copy for the next Oracle is due on 17 March 2010, ready for the April issue.

Web Site: Barry reported that bookings for 2011 were already being made in abundance.

Village Green: Nothing had been heard officially from the Parish Council, regarding the bus stops and Di would contact the clerk for an update.

Village Hall: The final snagging list was to be compiled and Rob would send to the contractors.

It was noted that an offer has been made and accepted, for the pub. It was hoped that ORAC would be able to work very closely with the new landlord, for the benefit of the villagers of Occold.

Playing Field: Dan had felled the majority of the dead trees along the footpath.

Play Area: The report from ROSPA was still awaited.

Fund Raising/Marketing: The next event planned is the Annual Quiz on 24 April 2010 and Greg would be question master for the evening.

The 80's Disco Night will now be held on 22 May, in order to avoid a possible clash in the locality. The themed disco has been booked.

Discussions on planning for the fete 3 July 2010, took place.

It is hoped to hold a barn dance on 9 October 2010.

Any Other Business: Steve read out a letter in which he tendered his resignation as Chairman and member of ORAC. This would take effect from the AGM in May 2010. Thanks were expressed to Steve for his hard work and support over the past several years and in helping to bring the new hall to fruition.

Date of next meeting: 13 April 2010

The meeting closed at 10.20pm