

Minutes of the ORAC meeting held on Tuesday 11th June 2013 in Occold Village Hall

Present: Martin, Rob, Di, Gordon, Nigel, Angela, Linda SP, Scott, Dee, Lindsay

Apologies: Linda Jay, Donald

Minutes: The minutes from the meeting held on the 9th May were agreed and approved.

Correspondence: None

Treasurers Report: Di reported there was a balance of approximately £9k in current account, the Lunch club account had a balance of just under £2k and there was £5k in the village hall building retention fund. Di reported that MSDC had agreed to give a grant of 50% for acoustic panels required to improve the halls acoustic characteristics. The Committee agreed that this should be proceeded with. Di also reported that Efire had attended to service the fire alarm and returned on a separate occasion to service the hall fire extinguishers, Di questioned whether this was an efficient service by the company.

Matters arising:

1. Cleaners pay rate: The cleaners hourly pay rate was discussed by the committee. It was agreed that the standard of cleaning of the hall was high and the cleaners were very flexible. It was proposed to improve the pay rate for both hall cleaners. The committee voted unanimously to accept this and an improved pay rate for cleaning the village hall was agreed.
2. Replacement cooker – The committee discussed the need for a new oven for the kitchen. There was a discussion as to whether a commercial oven was appropriate for the kitchen, it was agreed that this was excess of what was required and a large domestic cooker would be more appropriate. It was agreed Lindsay & Dee would discuss with lunch club and purchase a suitable replacement. The committee agreed to spend £2000 on a replacement cooker and local users would be contacted to see if they would like to contribute funds. It was noted that VAT would be payable by ORAC on a purchase.
3. Fete – Angela reported that she had presented details of the fete to the school. The school hoped to do a country dancing display and a procession float. Posters and programme were due to be completed. It was agreed that the Committee would meet Friday evening before the fete at 6pm to plan setting up of the field. It was reported that 15 sponsors for the fete had come forward so far and this had raised £250. It was agreed that an invite would be made to Market stall holders it was agreed that commercial/craft stalls would be asked for a donation of £5 and a raffle prize. 5 stall holders could be accommodated on a first come basis. It was discussed that Ice creams would be sold depending on the weather. The Jubilee Church had agreed to assist with serving teas, etc. The committee agreed to ask Kevin Knights to judge the

competitions as this would be the last fete that he would be Occold School head teacher before his retirement.

Committee roles for the fete were agreed

Angela – cakes

Terry – Bar and darts

Martin – Announcing

Roy – Pet corner

Rob – tug of war & games

Lindsay & Dee - bbq

Dee – set up competitions

Linda & Roy – raffle tickets

Gordon - wellie wanging

Donald + Nigel – Bar

Nigel agreed to source beer for the bar

It was decided there would be no evening event.

4. American evening – 5th October, Di agreed to book music. There would be a 3 course meal. It was agreed to charge £15 per ticket which would include a drink on entrance. Extras would include a possible indoor shooting game.

Any other items

Village hall: It was reported that the fire escape door in pre school very hard to open. Di had been unable to get any one to repair door, there appeared to be a problem with key pad. It was noted that it may be necessary to replace entire door.

Play area: Gate catch still needs repairing – Scott to action

Village green – It was noted Donald had been maintaining this area.

Any other business – None

Next meeting - 3rd September at 7:30

The meeting was closed at 9.35pm