

ORAC Meeting 11.1.18

Present: Dave Cox, Di Noller, Alison Davenport Jones, Neil Sizer, Nigel Woodhouse, Sandra Cox, Jill Crouch, Anne Stainsby, Gordon Erhorn

Paul Kirk

Apologies: Neil Flack

DC opened the meeting at 18:33

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

Treasurer's report

DN reported the balance of the main account is £17,237.64 and highlighted some of the transactions. A copy of the report is on file.

Preschool is on track with their monthly payments to ensure their lease payment is paid in full, by the end of the ORAC financial year on 31 March 2018.

Hire income has increased and additional payments are expected imminently.

One Xmas dinner ticket payment is outstanding.

DC asked why the expenditure over income is bracketed in red on the financial report: DN explained it does not indicate a negative amount – it is just how the spreadsheet works.

Opus energy charges have risen but the increase in usage is due to hirers not turning the heating and lights off. ADJ has emailed all hirers asking for their co-operation and has posted signs on the exit door and kitchen noticeboard. NW said he has seen the outside lights on at midnight: the time clock may need adjusting.

DC asked DN to prepare a report with all the regular bills and expenses so that he can prepare a budget for the next financial year.

DC thanked DN for her report.

Hall floor / doors / kitchen

If/when we receive the insurance money, the kickboards in the kitchen will be replaced, and the floor level heater will be removed, repaired or replaced. DC proposes purchasing a cupboard to sit on the central stainless steel bench, and lockable stainless steel cupboards for individual users (WI, lunch club, ORAC). The proposal was agreed by the committee. NS suggested reclaimed / second hand units and will make enquiries.

The shelves in the existing cupboards need supports as they are in danger of collapse under the weight of the crockery. ADJ has moved the stacks of plates to the bottom shelves as a precautionary measure until the shelves are more secure.

NS raised concern about the youth club damaging the floor and cupboards. DC plans to monitor all the bookings and check the condition of the hall after each use. Thorndon Bowls Club have a considerable amount of equipment that could potentially cause damage. ADJ has emailed them and DC has spoken to them.

DN will contact Andrew Stringer and ask for new mats for the entrance.

Revised hall rates and conditions

DN suggested a separate meeting would be more appropriate for this item as it is likely to involve extensive consideration. Committee agreed.

Village Fayre

JC met with Barry Woods on Monday and has agreed to take over the Village Fayre organisation and administration. Next fayre is on the last Saturday of the month. It was agreed to levy a £1 charge per stall and advertise the event to attract more stall holders. JC said BW wants the donations to go to MacMillan Cancer Support this year: Unanimously agreed.

Website / web page: Neil Flack

Postponed due to NF being absent.

Future Events incl Race Night update

Quiz and Curry "Hot and Spicy" night 24th Feb. ADJ to set questions and speak to Lesley Hull for advice re catering. GE will produce advertising materials.

The Friends of Occold school has organised a Camel Race night and asked ORAC to run the bar. DC proposed giving free hire in return for all the profits from the bar being ORACs.

ORAC had planned to run a Race night in February but as the school event is similar, this will now take place in April, around 14th to tie in with Grand National. NS will make the booking. A cold buffet will be laid out on each table.

JC set out her costed plan for a Ceilidh. She has sourced a band called the Deneside Ramblers (fee £320), with a hog roast caterer who charges £4 per portion. DC suggested charging £15 for the hog roast pitch rather than including the price of the roast in the ticket. JC will try to book them for 16th June.

DC and ADJ will suggest 7th July to the school for a joint family fun day

AOB

PK asked about the noise abatement order and whether it can be removed. DN said it isn't affecting hall hires. Hirers must use the sound system installed and it can't be overridden.

DC has been asked to partake in a Park Radio interview 3 x 5 min spots. He will talk about the village, and what ORAC's mission is. Broadcast date 1 March 11am – 12 noon.

Oracle update: Terry has taken a USB to Envigo with the expectation of publishing and distribution this week. DN can't invoice the advertisers until the magazine is distributed. DC may consider other options for printing.

Extension update: 2 objections to the plans have been lodged. The council planning office will inform us of their decision between 23/1/18 and 6/2/18.

NW asked for flowers to be sent to the funeral of Mrs Ruby Haddock, who was active in ORAC and a long-time village resident. DN will arrange flowers or a donation (according to the preference of the family).

SC suggested a £50 deposit and check list for hirers. NW opposed the suggestion and AS pointed out that she had suggested this before and the committee dismissed the proposal. To give it due consideration, the discussion will be continued at the next meeting (as part of the revised hall hire charges item on the agenda)

Green chair storage: The rack could potentially be cut down to a more manageable height.

DC closed the meeting at 20:02