

DINTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Minutes of A.G.M. 30th April 2019

Present : Sylvia Eaton, Alan Weston, Janet Morgan, Honor Vane, Di Trigg, David Rutterford, Chloe Lambert, Edwin Taylor

Apologies :

Matters Arising from 19th February

The meeting was cancelled as only 4 people could make it and there was nothing important to discuss.

- 1) It was agreed that we should ask Robin to re-polish the hall floor at some time as it is looking a little tired now.
- 2) A quiz was held on 23rd March and it raised £383.80 for the maintenance fund thanks to a good turnout and 10 tables booked.

Chairman's report.

- 1) Plastering and painting round the new toilet for the disabled was done by Robin Deeney.

Unfortunately, the toilet was again blocked and yet again found to have had sanitary items and nappies flushed down. There was also an excessive amount of toilet paper. It took 3 hours to unblock and the stench was disgusting. Despite warning notices it still continues.

- 2) Pre-School to be asked to remove old play equipment from the back of the building. Also, equipment to be moved to the hall side of the grass area during the summer holiday as there is a mini fete planned for the Bank Holiday weekend by the Church for fund raising purposes. Several members commented that all the equipment left out made the area look very scruffy and they requested that the equipment be stored either at the side or at the back.

- 3) Sylvia is considering giving up the cleaning of the hall. A list of weekly tasks has been made if anyone is interested in applying. £50 a month is paid weekly, monthly or quarterly in agreement with Alan.

Treasurer's report

Alan presented us with a copy of the audited accounts for last year.

He reported that the current account was £3,361, plus £34 in cash.

There were no questions raised.

An Honorarium for Di was given, as well as the honorarium for cleaning given to Sylvia

Booking Secretary's report

Di reported that Yoga has stopped their sessions on Sunday mornings due to the leader's new commitments.

The hall has been booked for the E.U. Elections should they take place.

She has had keys cut for Beavers as the leaders needed a second set to lock up now leaders have changed.

Election of Officers

Sylvia asked the committee if they are prepared to continue and was pleased they agreed.

Nominated by:**Seconded by:**

Chairman, Sylvia Eaton
 Treasurer, Alan Weston
 Secretary, Janet Morgan
 Bookings clerk, Di Trigg
 Auditor, Edwin Taylor

Honor Vane
 Janet Morgan
 David Rutterford
 Janet Morgan
 Alan Weston

Alan Weston
 Sylvia Eaton
 Di Trigg
 David Rutterford
 Honor Vane

A.O.B.

Arrangements to be made for invoices to be paid online where possible. A note to hirers should be given to casual hirers so that they know where the spare toilet rolls etc are to be found and a reminder that all rubbish bags should be taken home with them.

The committee was asked for their view on the building of a new village hall on the Parish Field as a result of comments made during the recent Village Plan meetings. It was pointed out that we are only a management committee.

Sir William Curry gave the hall in 1927 for the use of Dinton villagers under the auspices of the Charity Commissioners with a management committee to handle day to day uses of the hall. We assume that the Commissioners would make the ultimate decision over the fate of the village hall as well as any money raised should the site be sold for building.

The downside of a Parish Field build were pointed out by several members, including that of the large area needed for the building and car parking. This would result in a much reduced area for recreation and the gate would need to be unlocked at all times.

Alan then commented that no repainting of the hall should take place until the Parish Council have made a decision on the building of a new hall. We were informed that if we went ahead with to the plan to redecorate that grants were available from the Parish Council and from the New Homes Bonus scheme.

It was decided to run a Quiz in the Autumn, on 19th October.

Date of Next Meeting - July 16th at Village Hall at 8 p.m.

DINTON VILLAGE HALL 2018

The hall bookings continue to be good with Yoga on Sunday mornings and the re-introduction of Pre-School on Friday mornings.

This summer we have had to replace an outside tap and kill a wasp nest. Soon the hall floor is going to be re-polished before the term begins.

We have taken down the old rotting fence on the left-hand side and removed as much of the previous fencing as possible (cemented-in Met posts are a bit of a problem!) It is now possible to drive right up to the Fete sheds and even turn round or park in the area behind the hall. We hope everyone has enjoyed the lovely geraniums that Ruth Chelmick planted in the window boxes.

The village hall quiz on 20th October was to raise money for repainting. £414 was raised after expenses for prizes were deducted. The entry fees raised £320 and the raffle raised £128. Janet Morgan's team won.

DINTON VILLAGE HALL 2017

A dropped kerb has now been installed and a new fence has been erected to protect the children, also webbing over the grass is now laid down. Although the fete gave us £500 towards the cost of the work, it has still cost well over £2,000. The space now provided is not huge but will enable several cars to park off road and during times, like the quiz night, when everyone leaves at the same time. Double parking could also be a possibility.

Maintenance works continue on the hall to keep it in the best possible condition. The old red chairs have been given to Ford Village Society, who have given us a donation of £50, which is gratefully accepted. In a joint effort with some residents of Ford, the red chairs were removed from the stage and then the new 100 padded chairs, which had been stored elsewhere, were transported to the village hall.

There will be a **quiz on 18th March at 8pm at £5 per head**. Bring your own refreshments. To book a table of up to 8 people please contact Sylvia Eaton on 01296 748537.

There is also a **Coffee Morning and a Bring & Buy Sale on Saturday 22nd April from 10am to 12pm at Greendale, Westlington Green** in aid of the depleted village hall maintenance fund.

The Village Hall Annual General Meeting is on 16th May, 2017 at 8pm in Dinton Village Hall

DINTON VILLAGE HALL 2016

The hall is still regularly used during the week and we continue to look at ways we can improve the looks and use of the building. We are looking at the possibility of getting grants to help us plan improvements.

One plan in hand is to open up the left hand side of the grassed area to car parking. We have been investigating plastic safety mesh to go over the grass as this will help cars parking even in wet weather, but keep the grassy appearance at the front of the hall. We would have to have a dropped kerb in front of the double wooden gates, which would leave a break in the present long line of parked cars and provide a passing place for through traffic. If regular users parked some of their cars off the road that would also benefit anyone with heavy equipment and during the winter a light could be installed for safety and enable cars to be located on very dark nights in the winter. At present a torch is a necessity!

We plan to hold a quiz night on October 8th at 8pm in Dinton Village Hall. Usual price of entry and conditions.

DINTON VILLAGE HALL 2015

The Dinton village hall continues to be regularly used by several clubs and organisations. It is important that this village amenity is kept in good order and running repairs are carried out throughout the year by willing members of the committee.

The new boiler seems to be working well, although thankfully the mild Autumn has meant that we haven't had to put it to much of a test to see if the £2,500 was well spent. We were lucky to receive £500 from the fete proceeds and have just gratefully received £1,400 from the Beer Festival towards the cost of the boiler. Sincere thanks go to the gentlemen who organised the very successful event in the summer. Hopefully they will repeat the festival next year and another organisation will benefit from their generosity.

The quiz planned for October had to be cancelled as so many of our usual players were busy with other events. However, we are hoping for better luck with the quiz planned for 20th February 2016. So make a note to keep that date free, please.

Finally we would like to thank Ruth Chelmick for planting up the new window boxes so beautifully.

Sylvia Eaton, Chairman, Dinton Village Hall Management Committee.

Hall Bookings: Ruth Chelmick - 01296 747381

DINTON VILLAGE HALL – 2015

Dinton Village Hall Quiz on October 17th at 8 pm. Usual cost of £5 per head, tables of up to 8 and bring your own drinks and nibbles.

The hall continues to be booked regularly and at present no real problems, apart from a dripping tap!

The hall continues to be regularly used. We unfortunately had to replace the gas boiler as the instalment of the previous one was not satisfactory and dripping water ruined the electrics. Some fund raising will be necessary to meet the costs of a new boiler.

Ruth Chelmick has planted up the window boxes which David Rutterford has kindly attached to the front of the hall. I'm sure they will be greatly appreciated by the public and the Best Kept Village judges

The village hall bookings remain good, particularly with regular users and the occasional party. Last year we spent £5,785.49 on damp proofing, fire resistant curtains and stage carpeting. It is important to keep the hall up to a good standard and maintain this valuable village community property. We have decided to keep the cost of hiring the same for a further year.

Ruth Chelmick suggests that we add window boxes to the front two windows to improve the look of the outside, particularly if we take part in the Best Kept Village competition. She has kindly agreed to plant and maintain them.

A Quiz Night is planned for Saturday 9th May. Doors will open at 7.30 for an 8 pm start and the cost is £5 per head.. As usual, bring your own drinks and nibbles. If you would like to book a table for up to 8 persons, please telephone me on 01296 748537

Our AGM will be 8 pm. on 28th April in Dinton Village hall. Everybody is welcome to attend.

Sylvia Eaton
Chairman,
Dinton Village Hall Committee

DINTON VILLAGE HALL – DECEMBER 2014

The hall continues to be used regularly by the pre-school and various clubs, as well as parties and fund raising events.

However, we realised that there was a problem with rising damp and a specialist firm investigated and discovered that the original slate damp course had deteriorated and the brickwork all round the building was very damp despite the dry weather at the time. We felt we had to get it remedied straight away so employed the company to drill and inject right round the building where the damp course would have been. It cost £3,500 but hopefully the rising tide of mildew will now stop.

David Rutterford has made a splendid job renovating the village hall notice board. Our sincere thanks to him.

In order to raise some much needed funds we held another Quiz Night on Saturday 18th October at 8 p.m. The cost was £5 per head as usual with your own drinks and 'nibbles'. We had a good turn out and together with the raffle managed to make £330. Everyone seemed to enjoy the sometimes difficult questions that Alan Weston raised. We hope to have another quiz next Spring.

Sylvia Eaton - Chairman, Dinton Village Hall Committee

DINTON VILLAGE HALL – NOVEMBER 2013

The Dinton Village Hall continues to be regularly booked during the week and quite often for parties at the weekend.

We are having the interior of the hall painted during the Christmas Holidays and we also plan to replace the very old stage curtains. Depending on the estimate we may also consider replacing the window curtains with the same material but on more robust curtain track this time. Depending on the costs of this work we may also consider replacing the very weary looking stage carpet!

The hall continues to be a community centre for the Parish and is well worth investing in keeping it well maintained.

Sylvia Eaton
Chairman,
Dinton Village Hall Maintenance committee.

JUMBLE SALE – NOVEMBER 2012

I am running a jumble sale on Saturday 3rd November so start saving your jumble and if anybody would like to help in any way please give me a ring on 01296 748537.

Sylvia Eaton

DINTON VILLAGE HALL – SEPTEMBER 2012

The hall continues to be regularly booked and the new central heating is working well.

We continue to maintain the hall to keep it to a good standard. During the summer the hall was "Spring Cleaned" and the hall floor was re-polished.

The new front doors and safety back door are due to be fitted at half term. The next project is to paint the outside walls to keep the hall looking smart and then the inside paintwork will need redoing - it's a bit like the Fort Bridge - continuous work!

We are holding a Quiz night on Saturday 27th October. Please come and make up teams and enjoy a fun evening with friends. As usual bring your own food and drink at £5 per head. We open the doors at 7.30 for a start at 8 p.m., or as soon as everyone arrives. We look forward to seeing there.

Sylvia Eaton
Chairman Village Hall Committee

DINTON VILLAGE HALL – MAY 2012

At the AGM on 15th May all the officers were re-elected for a further year and hire prices to remain the same for another year.

The hall continues to be booked on a regular basis as well as weekend parties etc. At the moment we have a healthy bank balance but we haven't received a gas bill since it was installed last November, so this may not last for long! The heating is still proving a success and was well worth the upheaval and expense.

We are about to install a replacement 'push bar' safety door at the back of the hall to comply with health and safety regulations.

A Quiz Night on Saturday 27th October is planned and hopefully will be more profitable than the Spring Quiz which only made £240, probably due to the Easter holidays.

Sylvia Eaton
Chairman, Village Hall Management Committee

DINTON VILLAGE HALL – FEBRUARY 2012

We continue to maintain the upkeep of the village hall and recently installed a hood over the cooker to prevent steam causing mildew on the kitchen ceiling. The installation of a security light in the porch is of great benefit during dark evenings when unlocking the door. The new gas fired boiler has settled down and running very well. Despite the cost of removing the oil tank and installing the gas to the village hall we consider the large expense worthwhile and definitely more efficient.

We are holding a Quiz Night on Saturday 14th April. Doors open 7.30, bring your own refreshments and make up tables of up to 8 people. To book a table please ring Sylvia on 01296 748537.

The Village A.G.M. will be held on Tuesday 15th May at 8 pm in the Village Hall.

Sylvia Eaton
Chairman, Village Hall Maintenance Committee

DINTON VILLAGE HALL – SEPTEMBER 2011

The Village hall committee are in the process of getting quotes for installing gas and then a gas boiler at the village hall. The existing boiling keeps breaking down and costs of call out fees are considerable. Hopefully a new boiler would be more efficient and hopefully, cheaper!

As part of our fund raising we are holding a Quiz night on Saturday 22nd October. Doors open at 7.30 for a 8 pm start. It costs £5 per head and bring your own drink and food. Tables of up to 8 can be booked in advance with Sylvia Eaton 01296 748537. Come and join us for a fun evening.

Sylvia Eaton
Chairman, Dinton Village Hall Management Committee