

Minutes of the ORAC meeting held on 14 July 2009.

Those Present: Steve, Dawn, Andrew, Linda, Scott, Nigel, Donald and Di.

Apologies: Rob, Dan and Gordon.

Chairman's Welcome: Steve welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that this meeting was primarily to discuss and plan for the opening of the new village hall.

Secretary's Report: Di reported that a letter had been received from the Parish Council in reply to our suggestions for questions to be included in the questionnaire. The councillors felt that none of the suggested questions either added to, or were appropriate for the subject of the questionnaire.

Committee were concerned that the moving of the bus stop would mean that school buses would possibly need to stop and pick up children at those new points. This would entail the children walking further along the street than at present, without pavements.

Following discussion, it was agreed that Di would write to Parish Council stating that, we wished the questionnaire to go out in ORAC's name as well, and also that a note be added to the questionnaire, pointing people to the Discussion Forum on the village web-site.

New Village Hall Update: Dawn had attended the latest site meeting, when ESH stated that it was intended that the finish date of 7 August 2009 was still aimed for. However the build was slightly behind schedule. Tiles for the walls and floors, and lighting had been chosen. White appliances for the kitchen had been sourced and these were described to committee. ESH would install the stage lighting system. Dawn reported that curtains/blinds would be needed for the patio doors and kitchen. It was agreed that Dawn could obtain a quote regarding this.

Steve had negotiated the free loan of a forty foot box trailer, to store equipment for Pre-School and ORAC, during the transition from the old hall to the new. The trailer would be on site from late Thursday afternoon and Dawn would ensure that insurance for the contents was in place. The clearance of the old hall would take place on Saturday 18 July. Committee were asked to arrive for as early a start as possible.

Dawn reported that approximately £200 had been raised through the recent Yard Sale. It was generally felt that, there was a wonderful community spirit throughout the village on that day.

Grand Opening Day: Steve pointed out that we were working to a tight budget. It was noted that many groups from the Village Groups Forum had shown an interest in being involved and this would be covered again, at the next Group Meeting.

It was agreed to defer the production of the next issue of Oracle by one month, to enable articles and photos about the opening day, to be included.

A leaflet specific to the Opening Day, would be printed and distributed around the village.

It was also agreed that as many past members of ORAC as possible, would be invited to the opening day.

Items/events suggested for possible inclusion on the opening day were then discussed.

Any Other Business: Concern was again expressed at the dog fouling on the playing field. It was agreed that Di would include an item about this in the next issue of Oracle.

Linda said that Pre-School were planning a Valentine's Day Disco in 2010, to be held in the hall. She asked if ORAC could obtain a license for this event.

Andrew had spoken to Richard Owens about the need to fell the dead elm trees by the playing field. A work party would be put in place after the end of August.

Donald stated that the elm tree on the village green was also dead and needed attention. This was agreed and Brian Hull would be contacted regarding this work.

The meeting closed at 10.30pm