

Minutes of the ORAC meeting held on 29 September 2009

Those Present: Steve, Dan, Andrew, Donald, Rob, Dawn, Nigel, Gordon, Scott, Di. Linda

Apologies: None – all present

Minutes: of the previous meeting were agreed with an amendment in the treasurer's report, from 'final account' to '6th certificate'.

Secretary's Report: Di reported on correspondence received since the last meeting.

Di was asked to draw up a program of events with dates, for the committee to agree.

Di was asked to write a letter of thanks to Malcolm Wright for his invaluable assistance with the Opening Day.

Kevin (Knights) had passed on details of a Tree Planting Day at the beginning of December. Committee were in agreement that if the school wished to take part, then a few trees could be planted on the playing field.

Treasurer's Report: Dawn distributed the current balance sheet. She reported that monies for the long-term lease and rentals had been received.

The 6th certificate of payment for ES&H was still partly being withheld, due to ongoing snagging issues.

The Grand Opening Day had achieved approximately £264.00 towards hall funds. A further anonymous donation of £100.00 had also been received following the Opening Day. As this event had not been a specific fund raiser, this was thought to be very reasonable.

Oracle: Copy date for the next issue is 20th November 2009.

Web Site: Steve drew attention to the new page on the web site for the Village Hall. This is very extensive and thanks were expressed to Barry for all his hard work on this.

Village Green: Di was asked to write to the Parish Council saying that in accordance with the majority of questionnaires completed, the necessary land on the village green would be granted for provision of the hard standing required for a bus stop.

With regard to a shelter, committee agreed that if possible, the land to the left of the telephone box should be utilised for this. Committee requested that Parish Council be asked to investigate costs for a shelter which they thought, would be more in keeping with a village environment than the standard green tubular version.

Village Hall: Discussion around the cleaner's employment took place and an advertisement for an additional cleaner, would be placed on the web site and in the next edition of Oracle.

The final version of the current Terms and Conditions of Hire for the hall, were agreed.

The application for a full licence for the hall would be taken to Mid Suffolk District Council on 1 October 2009 and the appropriate Press and Public Notices, would be displayed.

Play Area: The report from ROSPA was still awaited.

Playing Field: Dan had trimmed back the hedges around the field and would attend to the trees when farm work permitted. He would also look to trim the silver birches near the school allotment.

Fund Raising/Marketing: Following discussion, it was agreed that the Children's Pizza and Disco event planned for 31st October, would be cancelled.

The Oracle Evening would have its first outing on 13th October.

The Christmas Dinner would take place on 5th December, and it was agreed that the usual Roast Turkey dinner would be provided.

The prices this year will be £10.00 and £7.50 concessions.

A Family Party Night is planned for New Year's Eve in the hall. It was hoped that people would feel able to join in with this, if they had no other events planned. It is envisaged that no charge would be made for this event, but that music and games would be available and people would be asked to bring along their own food and drink. DVD's and films would be available for younger children, in the Pre-school room.

The meeting closed at 10.20pm.