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Minutes of Meeting of Small Dole Village Hall Committee Sept 29th 2016

Present: Jessica Sproxton Miller (chair), Roy Woolven (vice chairman).

Fran Barnard (Treasurer), Janet Daly (Secretary), Pauline Beale,

Chris Warren and in attendance Leo Jago.

1. Dave Burchell has indicated that he no longer wishes to attend committee meetings
2. Minutes of meeting and AGM on June 2nd were passed.
3. Matters arising  
   Pauline’s partner (Peter) will do the boiler service soon.  
   Roy and Leo to get together to do kitchen redecoration.

Jessica can put information on line in the Upper Beeding Parish Magazine via Steve Coberman.

The Treasurer indicated that funds were available for Roy to go ahead and purchase he blind for the kitchen.

The cooker will be replaced when a suitable model is found and Chris indicated that a submission for funding to the Upper Beeding Parish Council would be in order and he would strongly support it.

1. Chair’s report 27/9/2016

This is mainly about people. The people who use the hall, and three people in particular.

We have not had many bookings or expressions of interest over the past few months, and quite a number of bodies who were using the hall have fallen by the wayside through illness or, more often, lack of interest by the local public in what they are offering.

Later on the agenda there is a chance to discuss what our approach should be about this, as less bookings means less money coming in, which means that we can do less to make the hall nice, and we are reduced to surviving only.

Fran is one of the people I wanted to mention specifically as she did a lot of work before the summer on writing our new Conditions of Hire Document, and has done an assessment of our current income and expenditure which I will let her go into in more detail. She is a brilliant addition to the committee, and we must all work with her to help and encourage her to stay ☺

William deserves a mention too as, as well as passing his A levels and going off to Scotland, and working all summer, he has been building us a website. This is very flexible though not fully formed yet, and can be found at smalldolehall.org.uk .I have admin rights and will give them to Fran and Janet as and when they want. We should be getting a calendar on there, which will make spaces easier to see for potential users, and there is easily space for advertising, which is an asset which itself will need promoting. Maintenance of this is going to be an important job, to enhance our profile on the web and keep interest.

The last person I must mention is another Will. Will Bourne is an Upper Beeding based craftsman and handyman who has been working with UBPC for some time. He can do small jobs for us, such as dealing with leaky taps, or adjusting doors, and is also trained in sign-writing and glasswork. If we have grand ideas and money in the future, he could be a useful resource to turn to

1. Treasurer’s report. Fran reports that everything is falling into place.
2. Hire rate increase. The increase in hall hire rate does not seem to have been a problem.
3. Website update.
4. Jessica said that the groups no longer using Hall had other pressing reasons for cancelling same. It was decided to print some small cards to put in strategic places advertising the availability of the Hall. (and perhaps listing the improvements that have been made) - my contribution.

Fran and Janet will cooperate to produce these and send copies to everyone for ideas or suggestions as to the final wording.

1. Date of next meeting Thursday January 19th at 7.30 in the village Hall