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## ECCHINSWELL VILLAGE HALL AGM 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2011

### Committee members

Attending:	Paul Oldring	Chairman	Chris Hutchins	Treasurer
	Lynne Hutchins	Secretary	Steve Fionda	Caretaker
	Bill Fry	Football	Tony Turner	Football
	Odette Henderson	Fundraiser		

Apologies: Jill Hamilton      Booking Clerk      Eileen Unnuk      Fundraiser

Members of the community, Allan Unnuk, Richard Ransom, Buz Busbridge, Mo Kimbell and John Arbor, (bowls club/user group).

Andy Hamilton has stood down as a committee member we thank him for his past efforts for the hall and assisting Chris the treasurer.

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

Paul opened the meeting welcoming everybody his chairman's report was there for anybody to read who wished to do so. He personally thanked the committee members and fundraising group for this year's efforts and reaffirmed that we will attempt to put a fire escape outside of the balcony to give us a proper fire exit also independent use of the balcony room for cricket matches in the summer and football in the winter. At this point Allan Unnuk commented it was what the balcony was built for in the first place. Paul also produced a plan of the all weather sports pitch, which we are about to apply for planning permission from B & D. We will be applying to a local trust to get most of the necessary funds, which we believe are available for this project.

Chris stated that in his report, which was available for anybody to read, that we are £3,400 lower in funds than last year. This is partly due to using some of the last of the New Greenham Common grant to purchase a new mower for the compact tractor. Last year as usual the football pitches subsidised everyday running of the hall by approx £750 because the annual income is still less than the utility outgoings. For this reason he is increasing rental charges as from May 2011 by £3 an hour. He was also pleased to inform the meeting that he received a cheque for £512.52 for the party damage in January, which he paid into the bank this morning. He stated after attending a forum meeting last week at Basingstoke, a member of B&D community staff, he name is Lucy Martin, has been appointed to assist village halls etc to gain grants and one of her high

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priorities is for solar electricity panels. I will be contacting her in about six weeks time with the view of looking at this for the south-facing roof. The reason for this delay is that I am going into hospital for a back operation and will be unable to deal with it any earlier.

Bill Fry stated that they lost two months worth of matches due to inclement weather and they are hoping to catch up before the close of the season, now that the weather is better. For next season he has six teams who want to play on the pitches for this reason we are going to try and upgrade the changing rooms to accommodate four teams. Although there is no money available for new pitches, there does seem to be grants available for existing buildings to be upgraded from the Hants FA and the Berks and Bucks, which some of the teams are registered with.

The pitch farthest away from the buildings on the west end has severe mole damage and can only be played on at present by youth teams, it is his intention that as soon as the matches have finished this year he and his working party will repair the damage.

He has contacted the probationary service at Basingstoke with the view of using them for the third consecutive year to help carry out ground work around the car park and hedges. Also he is looking into see if they are available to re-stain the wooden cladding on the outside of the building which is in need of treatment. This year there will be a charge of £65 per visit to cover their expenses of getting to the site. The committee agreed that he should go ahead and arrange it if possible. He also reported that Paul from the Royal Oak is hoping to arrange some cricket matches this year.

Steve reported that the balcony room is now independent with its electrics from the main hall. He is in the process of repairing and replacing the curtain poles in the Kingsmill room. Also he had arranged for a 16 amp plus 13amp power point to be installed outside for the use of wedding bookings and for the fete etc. This has an isolation switch inside the changing rooms which is turned off when not in use. He also stated that the 10 extra tables that Chris purchased had been used by users requiring extra capacity of tables. He is happy with the general maintenance of the main hall having replaced the front door lock which was causing a problem. He also stated that with the new user group, the pilates is working okay and there is a possibility that a juggling group may use our hall as a new user group when their present contract runs out at their current venue.

At this point of the meeting the committee resigned, Chris said would you all like to take over from us, at that point Allan Unnuk asked us if we were prepared to continue for another year if so he would nominate us all en bloc and this was seconded by Mo Kimbell. The committee agreed to continue as before.

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Any other business. Odette asked that in the future would it be possible sometimes for the committee to help set up for the fundraising events, because at Fiona Patterson's quiz night there was a shortage of helpers. Mo Kimbell asked the question about the hall damage, which is on the bottom of the accounts, Chris replied it was caused by a party in January when he was away on holiday, Mo asked was it caused by gatecrashers, he replied no it wasn't it was caused at a 16<sup>th</sup> birthday party the parents who were there supervising agreed to pay the damage.

Buz Busbridge asked the committee if we would like some banners donated by Homebase, which he brought with him, he feels this could be a good way of advertising our events similar to the banner that was placed on the edge of the grounds for the recent jumble sale. Also he stated that he offered that he may be able to help sometimes with fundraising if given plenty of notice.

Richard Ransom asked about the recent theft of lead from the building, of what the value was also did this affect next years' insurance premium. Paul stated the scrap value was only about £25 although it has probably cost us nearly £200 to repair the damage. Chris said the insurance, this years' premium due in May has actually gone down £200 to £700 this year because he has agreed a three year contract with the company. At this point Steve said that he has acquired some security cameras to fit on the outside of the building. There was also a question from the floor, sorry I didn't note the name, about the ceiling as to whether it has reduced the heating costs. The answer to this from Steve was that we believe it has. All the users comments this year are about the comfort they receive from the hall, so we know it is working in our favour ie increased bookings. He also stated that the majority of the lights are energy saving including the spot lights on the wall of the hall.

Paul closed the meeting at approx 9.20pm.

Next meeting to be arranged.

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