



# Ecchinswell Village Hall

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### Minutes of Committee meeting 17<sup>th</sup> February 2011

Attending: Paul Oldring	Chairman	Chris Hutchins	Treasurer
Lynne Hutchins	Secretary	Steve Fionda	Caretaker
Bill Fry	Football	Andy Turner	Football
Fiona Patterson	Fundraiser	Jill Hamilton	Bookings clerk

Apologies: Odette Henderson

The committee agreed the minutes of the last meeting.

Fiona came to discuss her proposed quiz night on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2011, she informed us that this year it would be a joint fundraising effort between the hall and the school, as otherwise there would have been a clash of dates. Fiona and Lisa would be organising the bar and the raffle, and she asked Paul if he would do his normal heads and tails.

Finances this month stood at £8,945.94, which is approx £800 less than in Dec, this was due to a winter electric bill of £600 plus £600 spent on ongoing maintenance. This included replacing a damaged French window and replacing stolen flashing from the end of the hall, also we had a faulty alarm sensor which had to be replaced. Because of high usage at present of the hall £400 of the extra income offset part of the £1200 spent, which is good for the hall this time of the year.

When Chris received the parish council payment for their usage in 2010, he was informed that this years' 2010/11 grass cutting grant would be paid but they could not guarantee that it would be available next year until they are informed by B & D how much they would be allowed in their funds.

Chris stated they he had agreed the new two year deal with eon and could save an extra 5% discount by paying quarterly direct debit which the committee agreed that he can do.

Chris asked Paul if he could get somebody to look at the 2 platform boards on the multi play unit because they are nearing the end of their life.

Steve informed the committee that the damage to the gents and ladies loos, which was done at a party on 28<sup>th</sup> Jan, has been nearly completed, Chris will be invoicing the user for payment for this, and he also had to ask Stuart Burns to replace some faulty sockets in the kitchen, which could have caused a minor fire. He has nearly completed the process of putting the curtains back up in the Kingsmill Room; it has taken longer because he has had to put up some wooden reinforced backing to take the weight of the curtains because

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The walls aren't suitable for this. He asked Paul if he could arrange for his scaffold tower to be delivered so he could change a light bulb in the main hall ceiling. He also informed us that he had changed the locks in the front door as all key holders now have the new keys.

The committee agreed that after the problem party on 28<sup>th</sup> Jan that we would change our policy for young adult parties from, the age of 14 – 21 years of age, increasing the damage deposit from £70 to £500, which will be banked a week prior to the party.

Bill met Steve Welsh from B and D about the proposed all weather surface, he stated that there is very little funding available for doing that type of thing at the moment, he also advised him about maintenance to the surface if we achieve our goal. He informed him that there is more funding available for the upgrade of changing rooms. Bill informed us that the upstairs bar has now been finished and the committee agreed that we would try to get the external fire escape put in, which would also act as an independent entrance to the bar area using the balcony.

Jill asked if a curtain could be put across the Perspex area giving the hall users more privacy if the hall is being used at the same time as the balcony room. The committee agreed that this would be a good and said they would look the viability of it. Jill also asked if it was possible if a young lady from Basingstoke, who knows the hall, could use the playing fields for a private fun day to raise funds for charity. The committee agreed that this would be okay and it would be required that they liaise with Bill to make sure that the pitches were not in use on that day.

Lynne received a letter from Odette asking for details of their past fundraising totals, as her fundraising team has diminished a lot lately and she would like to know roughly where the money they raised was being spent. Chris will attempt to do this in the next few weeks.

For advertising reasons the committee agreed that this years' AGM would be on the 14<sup>th</sup> April starting at 7.30pm in the main hall.

The next committee meeting will be on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March in the Kingsmill room.

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