

REMENHAM PARISH HALL COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting on THURSDAY 14 July 2022 at 6.00pm, in the Parish Hall

Present: Jeremy Tayler (Chair)
Nigel Gray (Treasurer)
Felicity Rutland (Secretary)
Charlotte Every
Sue Laing
Jacky Ronald
Pat Sly

1. **Apologies:** Janette Brown, Peter Grace, Allan Henderson. The Committee noted the resignation of Lene de Wesselow and agreed that as Secretary Felicity should write to thank her for her involvement. **ACTION:** Felicity
2. **Minutes of the last meeting (19 May 2022):** these had been produced in two sections, one from Charlotte on 22 May about the Jubilee weekend arrangements and a brief summary of the other matters discussed from Felicity (with apologies for doing this last minute, produced just before the meeting). Concern about the Hall WiFi (not working) was added to paragraph 6, which had subsequently been sorted, but otherwise the Minutes were agreed as a correct record of the meeting. Two corrections to the previous meeting's minutes (of 21 April), were recorded: Nigel had been present and the amount of sponsorship donated by company in the Barns had been £25 and not £300 as optimistically stated.
3. **Matters Arising:** None that weren't covered elsewhere on the agenda
4. **Platinum Jubilee weekend:**
The consensus was that it had been a Triumph! (The flower festival and concert as well as the Tea Party.) It was also financially successful.
There were very few problems, only that it was a lot of work on the day and that there was far too much food. It was agreed that it might be better to ask people to bring their own picnics.
Lesson for 'next time' – labels needed with names and addresses
Charlotte drew our attention to the fact that we were likely to need a celebration within 4 years – either a Coronation or a 100th birthday.
5. **Membership of Hall Committee:** It was agreed that Sue would endeavour to recruit from those who had offered help at the Jubilee (5/7 people), both to help with the Fayre and to join the Parish Hall Committee (and invited to the next meeting). Felicity confirmed her wish to step down as Secretary by the end of the year, and it was hoped that one of the new recruits might be willing. Jacky generously volunteered to be the fall-back if necessary. **ACTION:** Sue.
6. **Remenham Fayre:**
The date of Sunday 4 September and time of 2.30-5.00pm was agreed. We need a Fayre Committee (Janette, Peter ++ ?). The WI have agreed to provide teas. The Davids to be asked to organise the Bar. The Browns to be asked to organise the bottle Tombola again, and hopefully be

involved in the organising committee. Peter Grace and others to be asked to organise the set up the day before. Jacky volunteered Bill as the MC which was warmly welcomed. Pat will find the check list from last time and drop it in to Sue. Felicity agreed to produce a poster within the next week for the Website/Newsletter/WhatsApp. **ACTION:** Sue, Felicity, All.

7. **Hall maintenance:** Pat had two quotes for the outside painting, from Tony Douglas (£2,875) and All Seasons (£2,500). Tony had also quoted £440 to paint the gates. Although the slightly higher quote, it was agreed to accept Tony's (including the gates) as he has done excellent work for committee members and noone has direct experience of the other company. **ACTION:** Pat

8. **Hall lettings:**

There had been a lot! Two had been postponed due to Covid, but deposits retained and new dates agreed. One date could have been let three times.

9. **Finances:** Nigel reported that the balance at bank had increased from £46,000 to approximately £56,000, including the proceeds of the Jubilee weekend and £5,000 from the 'Boys in the Boat' film. His computer is playing up and he was unable to access all details.

10. **Future events:**

We agreed to encourage Allan to organise the proposed Letters Evening(s) in November, with support from the Thespians. **ACTION:** Felicity

We agreed to hold another Beetle Drive at some stage (with no cheating!).

A Harvest Supper or Harvest Lunch was discussed and a Supper agreed as it was more inclusive/ more of a community event. **ACTION:** Charlotte

11. **Any other Business:**

(a) The PCC has agreed to the use of the church and Hall for another film during the week beginning 25 July. Details were confidential at the time (but now circulated) and there will be an attractive payment.

(b) Pat asked for a notice to be put in the next Newsletter asking people to collect plates, umbrellas and other things that had been left at the Hall, and saying that these would be on display at the Fayre (and then disposed of if not claimed). **ACTION:** Felicity (with Pat)

12. **Date of Next meeting:** It was agreed that the next full meeting would be on Monday 26 September at 7.00pm, with a virtual or email meeting soon as required to discuss the Fayre.

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