



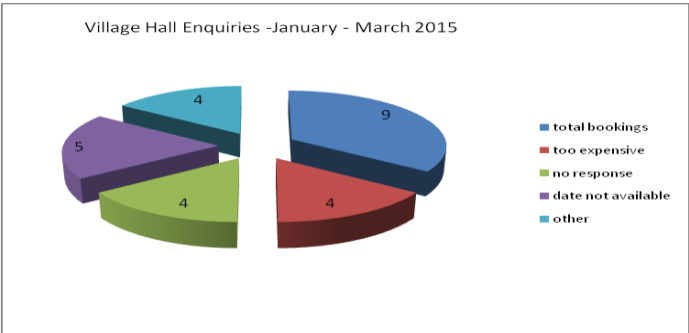
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Bluntisham Parish Council
Minutes of the Hall Management Committee (HMC) Meeting
Monday 9th March 2015 at 8.00 pm at Bluntisham Village Hall

Present: Mr Roly Searle, Mrs Joan Gutteridge, Mrs Kathy Searle, Mr Frank Hudson, Mr Nick Mair, Mr David Gedye, Mrs Tracey Davidson (Clerk)

	Open Forum	Action
856	Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda – None.	
857	Apologies for absence –Mr Robin Carter	
858	Minutes of the meeting dated 12th January 2015 to be approved and signed - Minutes approved and signed by the Chairman of HMC & the Chairman of the PC. (<i>Proposed Mr Frank Hudson Seconded Mrs Kathy Searle. All agreed</i>)	
859	Matters arising from previous minutes – Item 851 - Mr Nick Mair noted he didn't agree to get quotes for digital thermostats. It was agreed to stick with the heating system we have as there isn't a need to spend any additional money. Item 852 – Mr David Gedye is still working on the old school bell refurbishment.	
860	Finance: a) FY2014/15: review bookings v cost for year to date. The clerk advised that the projected income from the hall bookings for the year is £21,223.94. All agreed this is an excellent achievement as this doesn't include the doctors rent. b) FY2015/16: the clerk advised that the first quarter of the year is looking positive with an average of £2,000 hall income per month so far.	
861	Hall Maintenance: a) Heating expansion vessel replacement – the clerk advised that this was a requirement, as although it has been repaired, it could go at anytime. St Ives Gas Services quoted £287.88 + VAT to do the work. (<i>Proposed Mr David Gedye, Seconded Mrs Joan Gutteridge. All agreed.</i>) b) Under Floor Heating – The clerk advised that this is also in need of attention and due to the manufacturer having been taken over new thermostats would need to be replaced to make the control board compatible. Quotes to follow at the next meeting and the work is to be completed before October 2015. c) Annual Foul Water inspection – the clerk advised that this was due and the price would remain as per 2014 at £310 + VAT quoted by the PPV Group. (<i>Proposed Mrs Joan Gutteridge, Seconded Mr Frank Hudson. All Agreed.</i>)	Clerk
862	Hall Enquiries & % of bookings made: see below for the last 2 months enquiries 'v' bookings made. Enquiries were up on the previous meeting and although the % of bookings made is less than the enquiries all agreed it was still a fairly good take up. Although it's a shame we couldn't accommodate 5 bookings due to the date not being available, it was agreed that this was actually a positive message as the hall was booked. The clerk advised that several repeat bookings from CCC have been made for the coming year along with a wedding and a few private parties and a conference so far.	



863	Village Hall Management: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Basket Ball Hoop – Mr David Gedye advised that as soon as the ground is dry enough to drive over this will be repaired. b) Disabled Bays – the clerk advised that despite chasing this is still outstanding. Mr Frank Hudson agreed to speak to the foreman of the footpath team and see if they can help. c) Kitchen deep clean – the clerk advised that quotes were slow in coming back. She will chase this for the next meeting. d) Hall fans – external covers. The clerk is struggling to find out the necessary information to get quotes for these. Mrs Kathy Searle is to find the make and model information and let the clerk know. e) Swing Seats – the clerk advised that the baby swing seats were in a poor state of repair and had received quotes to replace these. All agreed to wait until the annual ROSPA inspection before getting the work done as other work may be required. Agreed to defer until the next meeting. 	<p>DG</p> <p>FH</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk/KS</p>
864	Village Hall – Vision and Wish list – the clerk is to draw up a detailed list, with prices and quotes, as agreed during the meeting of the suggestions made. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patio area outside hall overlooking the cricket pitch • Tidy & clear flower bed to entrance to car park (notice board side) • Tarmac whole car park • Portable stage for hall • Improve the appearance of the Old Pavilion 	Clerk
865	Village Hall Regular Events – the clerk suggested following the recent success of the live music event in February that several people asked for more regular events in the hall. It was agreed for the clerk to put together a list of suggestions including costs to the committee at the next meeting.	Clerk
866	The Big Lunch – the clerk was asked to suggest the HMC getting involved in organising The Big Lunch on 7 th June as promoted by CCC. It was agreed that with the WW2 celebration being planned this wasn't appropriate this year.	
867	Play Park Annual Inspection – the clerk advised that ROSPA will be carrying out the annual safety inspection in April and asked for all the outstanding repairs to be completed before this takes place. The clerk will check the equipment to repair the flooring is still ok and purchase new if necessary.	
868	Update on WW2 Event – the clerk shared the leaflet which had been produced & printed FOC. This will be included as an insert in the Colne newsletter and will be in the Bluntisham newsletter to hopefully attract more volunteers. The grant application to CCC has been submitted and the date of the next meeting is Monday 30 March at 7pm. All welcome to attend.	
869	Village Hall Rates – Election – it was agreed to defer this item as Cllr Robin Carter asked for it to be raised. As HDC have now booked the smaller rooms in the village hall for the forthcoming Election this may not be necessary.	
870	Correspondence Received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beechdale Energy – the clerk had received correspondence from this company regarding installing solar panels at the village hall. A unanimous decision that panels wouldn't be suitable on the roof. The clerk is to advise we are not interested. 	Clerk
871	Any other matters for consideration – Mr David Gedye advised the shrubs will be tidied within the next few weeks. The clerk asked if it was ok for the cricket pitch to have its first cut and the football pitches in the next week or so. All agreed this was fine. The clerk asked when the football club would prefer for the next round of weed and moss treatment to take place and it was agreed to wait until the end of the season. The clerk is to find out when the juniors season finishes. The clerk asked if the football club could move their trolley and white line machine to enable easy access for the mowers. It was agreed that these could stay in the Field store until the end of the season as the white line machine leaves paint along the path when moved. The clerk also raised the question regarding the age of the John Deere and it was agreed this is a Parish Council matter.	Clerk
872	Date of next meeting. Monday 18 th May 8pm	

Meeting closed at 9.25pm