

**A MEETING OF THE TURVILLE NORTHEEND VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE
WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 13 APRIL 2010 AT 8.00pm**

THOSE PRESENT WERE: David Cairns (Chairman), Rob Oldershaw (Treasurer), Ashlyn Squizzoni, Stephen Bucknill (Secretary), Colin Malcolmson, Mike Wicks, Pam Jones, Guy Prince, Jo McConville, Alistair Ekyn, Steve Blake, James McConville, Ray Jones and Margaret Drage

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cayla Twemlow, Wendy Duerden, Rob Squizzoni.

2. **MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting held on October 2009 were approved.

3. **50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** David Cairns confirmed that 1st May 2010 was the 50th anniversary of the signing of the trust deed creating the Village Hall charity. A proposed date of 5th June 2010 had been chosen to celebrate this event. An idea had emerged to involve the whole community and to include children's activities, a rounders match, a hog roast and music. No significantly different ideas were suggested. Some individual suggestions were put forward:-

- Mike Wicks suggested a lasting memorial e.g. a plaque or photograph
- Pam Jones suggested an exhibition of photographs
- Margaret Drage suggested a barn dance and funny dog show

It was agreed that David Cairns would liaise with the Turville and Northend Village Associations to co-ordinate the event which would be covered by parish council insurance. Previous Chairmen, those who had made significant contributions to the Hall in the past, resident donors and other past residents would be invited.

Guy Prince offered to help and Alistair Ekyn offered to supply a tent which could accommodate 25 people seated as an alternative to marquee hire.

4. **CURRENT BUSINESS REPORT:** Ashlyn Squizzoni reported that there had been the usual regular bookings including table tennis, kid's parties, and Turville Nursey. There had also been a wedding for 3 days and various charity events including Riding for the Disabled, Jo McConville & Judy Malcolmson's Soup Day, and James McConville's defibrillation training day. There was a general election coming up which would be a useful source of Revenue and a booking from the Reading Girl Guides.

The Committee had no specific policy on the use of the Common in conjunction with bookings other than to advertise the Hall with parking facilities.

The Committee's policy on 18th and 21st birthday parties was generally to say they were not allowed but there was an element of flexibility if a request was made by a local resident and in such case the Ekyns would be informed beforehand.

5. MAINTENANCE REPORT: Rob Squizzoni's report was circulated. This had found that the source of the damp to the toilet area was a result of a leak coming from the cold water pipe coming in to the kitchen. The primary recommendations were that trace heating be left on, and that the cold water feed supply be relocated which would cost between £200 and £500. Rob Squizzoni is also dealing with the gate/fence between the hall and the northern boundary. He is consulting Steve Blake as the Turville Nursery has agreed to pay for the gate/fence

James McConville agreed to arrange the annual emptying of the septic tank.

6. GARDENS, HEDGES AND RELATED MAINTENANCE: David Cairns commented how professional the garden looked and thanks were given to Colin Malcolmson, and James & Jo McConville.

There was an issue of weeds coming up between the paving stones at the back of the Hall and Colin Malcolmson would make enquiries about the cost of having the stones re-pointed to deal with the problem.

The hedges needed to be kept under control and the nursery school had agreed to pay for some suitable new gates. The nursery also had to be made aware of when the rubbish was collected as leaving rubbish out uncollected was becoming an issue.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT: Rob Oldershaw circulated up to date accounts and confirmed that the charity had made a net loss of £2,600 for the year ending 31 March 2010. However there was a credit balance of £12,272.14 in the accounts.

The loss was due to the brick wall along the back (£3,852), a new dishwasher (£413) and some other small items e.g. tubs and hedge trimming (£322). The insurance had gone up and was now just over £1,000 per annum.

However, income had been better primarily due to the Quiz Night, which raised £700. The Nursery continued to be the biggest source of income (£1,920).

8. PROPOSED MONTESSORI NURSERY: David Cairns confirmed that Ashlyn Squizzoni had received an enquiry from a pre-school Montessori Nursery. Because of the potential income to the charity it had been decided to bring the matter to a full committee meeting. No one spoke in favour of the proposal and it was agreed that the application would be rejected.

9. UPDATE OF CONSTITUTION: David Cairns confirmed that the charity needed to be run properly in accordance with the rules and in compliance with its own trust deed and constitution. At present there was some confusion between the trustees and the committee and the Chairman proposed that a draft revised constitution be drawn up by the time of the AGM in October to modernize the constitution and clarify the distinction between the trustees of the charity and the elected committee. The Charities Act 1993 had made it easier for small charities to effect such changes but care was needed not to create a new charity.

The proposal was approved.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: A provisional date for the AGM and committee meeting was agreed for Monday 4th October at 8p.m. An earlier meeting of the committee will be required to approve any proposed changes to the constitution prior to the submission of those changes to the AGM