

Rockbeare Village Hall Committee

Minutes of the Special General Meeting **April 2nd 2008**

Village Hall Committee members present : Tim Andrews (Treasurer), Sarah Arnold, Mandy Berry, Annette Christopher (Chairwoman), Sara Hardwick (Secretary), Sam Jarvis, Sue Perryman (Vice-Chair), Zoe Raynor, Becky Wollen. Lisa Collins-Board (Playground Committee rep.), Shaun Forsyth (Parish Council rep.), Dulcie Patch (Golden Age rep.).

Apologies : Karen Tyers.

There were 15 members of the general public present.

Chairman for this meeting was the Rev. James Grier.

James welcomed everybody and explained that the purpose of this meeting was to elect the officers for the Village Hall Committee, and that anyone at the meeting was eligible to vote.

James then asked if there was anyone willing to be the officers for the hall committee.

Nicki Spiller said that she was willing to be Chairman. No-one else volunteered.

Proposer : Sarah Arnold.

Secunder : Annette Christopher.

No votes against Nicki being Chairman.

Lisa Collins-Board said that she was willing to be Vice-Chairman. No-one else volunteered.

Proposer : Chris Costello.

Secunder : Sue Perryman.

No votes against Lisa being Vice-Chairman.

Beth Simmons said she was willing to be Treasurer. No-one else volunteered.

Proposer : Shaun Forsyth.

Secunder : Jane Pring.

No votes against Beth being Treasurer.

Sara Hardwick said she was willing to be Secretary. No-one else volunteered.

Proposer : Mandy Berry.

Secunder : Jacquie Muscat.

No votes against Sara being Secretary.

James then asked if current members of the hall committee were willing to be on the new committee. The following people are willing to stay :

Sarah Arnold, Mandy Berry, Annette Christopher, Sam Jarvis, Sue Perryman, Jane Pring, Zoe Raynor.

James then asked if there was anyone else willing to be on the committee. The following people said that they were willing to serve on the committee : Cy Bay, Michelle Bullen, Lisa Moore, Jacquie Muscat, Anne Ward-Wyatt. These were proposed 'en bloc'.

Proposer : Ivan Randall

Secunder : Zoe Raynor

No votes against these 5 being on the committee.

Shaun Forsyth is the Parish Council rep. Dulcie Patch is the Golden Age rep.

The following people indicated they are happy to help : Tim Andrews, David Miller – specifically with the Business Plan, Ivan Randall, Marianne Readman.

James then handed the meeting over to Nicki.

New Chairman's Perspective.

Nicki said she had lived in Rockbeare for 7 years. After her daughter was born, the importance of the hall and playing field, as central to the village, became highlighted.

She became involved in the playground committee. £700 has been spent to repair and update the wooden 'adventure playground' type equipment. It was inspected today by RoSPA and has been passed as safe, and will be open for the holidays. The money from the extremely enjoyable Spring Party will go towards reinstating the swings.

Looking at the bigger picture, Nicki, Lisa and Beth bring their enthusiasm and commitment from the playground committee to the hall and the wider issues, and are here 'for better or for worse'!

She said she could make no promises and realises this is a BIG project. She guarantees we will be looking at it as a community, and that there is invaluable information to be had, from the whole village, and an invitation was extended to anyone with particular skills, to be co-opted onto the committee.

The committee will look at new avenues and new ways. We need a business plan, and a strategy for the future, because we cannot raise the large amount of money we need from parties etc.

A meeting was originally arranged for Tuesday April 22nd – this is now cancelled, because the new officers felt they needed more time to get up to speed before the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Date of the next meeting:

**Wednesday May 7th at 8pm.
In the Village Hall**

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