

## KNOWSTONE PARISH HALL FUNDRAISING MEETING

### Minutes of Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 @ 7pm

**Present:** Reg Howe (Chairman), Wendy Vigus, Ian Brooks, Phil Dey, Ken Dykes, Wendy Sweet, Jeremy Filmer-Bennett

**1. Apologies:** Andrew Bere, Rosie Bere, Tiffany Nicholson, Chris Dey, Sheila Bray

#### **2. 2016 fundraising events**

IB will organise a quiz night to take place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm. All agreed on it being BYO food and drink, £5 entry and a raffle.

WV will organise a Hobby Horse race night to take place on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm to coincide with Royal Ascot week. All agreed to have a bar and to review logistics of event nearer the time.

Next film night will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> April. Cost to remain as previous events. RH stated that the Masons Arms would like to increase the price of the meal by £1 at the start of the next season (to £16). All agreed to the proposal and RH will discuss with Mark at the Masons Arms. Increasing the ticket price by £1 or £1.50 was also discussed and will be revisited at the next committee meeting. All agreed that start time of the film must be 7.30pm prompt to ensure swift exit from the Masons Arms so they can cater for other guests. The committee wished it to be noted that they are very grateful to Tim and Michele for organising the film nights.

KD confirmed that the Bingo night will take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

RH noted that the coffee mornings are a regular event which raise money for the hall. Other on-going events throughout the year are dances, dance club, art club and keep fit sessions.

#### **3. Potential 2016 / 2017 fundraising ideas**

RH outlined a suggestion from Christine Watson for a St George's evening to be held in 2017. All agreed it was a good idea and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April was suggested as a possible date. RH is to ask Christine if she has more detail on her vision for this event.

JFB suggested a wine tasting evening which was felt to be great idea. JFB is to talk to Majestic and Bray Valley Mill regards costs and logistics and to feedback in due course.

PD suggested a barn dance or Burns Night event. It was felt that a Burns Night event might face too much competition but that a barn dance was a good idea. PD is to investigate further.

KD suggested a pledge auction and IB suggested a donation box in the hall, both of which will be considered further in due course.

RH is to discuss the feasibility and logistics of a Knowstone Parish Draw with the secretary of the South Molton Vintage Rally as they hold a successful annual draw. RH is to feedback at the next meeting.

A skittles night / pubs games night was discussed and will be considered again in due course.

#### **4. Advertising channels**

The new Knowstone Parish website was discussed. RH read out a short summary of the hall's USPs which was approved for inclusion on the website. KD is to take some photographs of the hall's exterior to include on the website along with others showing the interior of the hall. KD

noted that the price list needs to mention that there is no charge for use of the hall in the event of a parishioner's funeral.

RH reminded the committee that raising the profile of the Parish Hall and Parish events in the local press and on local radio needs to continue.

#### **5. Organisations to contact**

Groups and organisations to contact regarding hall hire were briefly discussed. Initial suggestions were the Devon Educational Authority, Exmoor Society, Exeter Diocese, Rotary Club and local political groups. All agreed that a standard letter would be sent to local groups with the new price list. WV to action in due course.

#### **6. Devon Communities community group questionnaire**

WV reminded the committee that Devon Communities have asked local community groups to complete a survey by 11<sup>th</sup> March which outlines any projects requiring funding in the next two years / longer term plus any broader community projects which will benefit the community group. WV is to complete the survey for the Parish Hall using KD's wishlist and ensuring that there is sufficient emphasis on the Parish Hall being a key destination within the hub of the community. Improved broadband and a Parish caretaker / lengthsman will be included under the broader community project section. *NB: this action is now complete.*

IB outlined that the initial results from the parishioners' survey have been provided by Devon Communities to the Parish Council and that full results will follow in the next few days. WV stated that the PC chairman is happy for these results to be sent to the Parish Hall committee and will action this post the meeting. *NB: full results have now been received and will be sent to the Parish Hall committee.*

#### **7. Date and time of next meeting**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.

**Meeting closed at 8.25pm**