

Minutes of Welborne Village Hall Events Committee 7 February, 2017 7.30pm

Present: I Ferguson (in the chair), B Hancock, D Redshaw, N Shed, D Tudball (sec).

Apologies: C Butcher, T Curson (ch), M Webb (treas).

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 6 December, 2016 were approved and signed (the January 2017 meeting had been cancelled).

Matters Arising: DT confirmed there would be no Welborne arts event this year. He had also sent the church a list of our known events; more Fawltly Tower funding news was expected by April and the church would then be better placed to plan its own events.

Treasurer's Report: MW submitted a report to 6 February 2017. It was noted the 2016 *Christmas Fair* had gone very well, particularly having Father Christmas along for the first time. IF said the total 2016 Events surplus of just over £5,000 was very good, successfully covering hall costs. But with no *Welborne Arts Festival* this year it would be hard to match that in 2017.

Lettings: IF saw signs of lettings picking up; at £6/hr the charge was a bargain. He hoped there might be more private event bookings; there had also been an inquiry about how to use the overhead projector. A regular lettings advert might be included on flyers.

Events: **a) Past:** **i) New Year Supper** (Friday 13 January 2017) - this had gone well, as usual, with about 42 attending. Bookings, at £7 each, had reached capacity of near-50 but on the day illness cancellations cut the total. **ii) Creative Arts East Village Screen *Absolutely Fabulous*** (Friday 27 January) - DT said this was one of three films booked after the last meeting. Attendance was modest at 24. **b) Future:** **i) & ii) Two more films:** *Bridget Jones's Baby* (Friday 17 February 7.30 pm) - about 20 had booked so far - and *The Girl on the Train* (Friday 10 March 7.30 pm). **iii) CAE Live *StringFillies on the road*** (Friday 24 March 7.30pm in All Saints Church, Welborne) - DT said this group of traditional music harp and string players/singers had now been booked and early publicity was out. The charge would be £10 a head, proceeds going partly to the church and its Fawltly Tower project, partly to the hall. **iv) Welborne Summer Fun Day** (Sunday 9 July) - further details were awaited. **v) Other** - IF said more *Food/Quiz* events, given their popularity and our new kitchen, seemed an obvious choice; NS suggested three a year in autumn, winter and spring and BH added a summer *Food/Treasure Hunt* suggestion. It was agreed to plan a *Food/Quiz* event for Friday 19 May. NS also suggested *The Welborne Pudding Club* where a modest main course would be followed by donated puddings for sampling with a prize for the one voted best. It was agreed to target this for Friday 21 April. A possible 2018 *Spring Horticultural Event* - such as *Best Bulb*, *Best Vegetable Competitions*, perhaps including *Bread/Cake/Biscuit-Making* - was discussed; notification would be needed around August/September so people could prepare. Other activities might be included such as cooperation with enthusiasts' clubs for things like a *Vintage Tractor Display*. Other possible events aired included a *Dog Show*, a *Craft Fair*, a *Village Fete/Gala* themed via a *Children's Competition*, and a *Halloween Activity*.

Trustees: -

Village Website: NS presented a progress report on the new website from launch on 28 May 2016 to 31 January 2017; it was proving a useful tool with a reasonable stream of hits per month. He suggested some new opportunities including a possible *Welborne Villagers Perspective Page* - monthly articles/blogs by villagers about village/local life from their own viewpoints - and also a possible *Welborne 100 Club*, a *Village Lottery* as run successfully elsewhere. Aim here would be to sell 100 annual tickets at, say, £15 each for inclusion in 12 monthly draws, with an end-year big prize, possibly drawn at the *Christmas Fair*. Proceeds might go half to prize money - say £25, £15, £10 a month and a big prize of £150 - and half to the village hall. Tickets could be sold and winners announced through the website. On a smaller scale it could be a *Welborne 50 Club*. It was agreed this sounded a good idea worth further investigation. The committee thanked NS very much for his report and suggestions.

Any Other Business: **i)** DT said there would be a *CAE Promoters' Day* on 22 April 2017. **ii)** IF wondered if flyer distributions might be better targeted at those actually interested.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 7 March 2017, 7.30pm. The chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.