

Minutes of Welborne Village Hall Events Committee 4 April, 2017 7.30pm

Present: T Curson (chairman), C Butcher, I Ferguson, B Hancock, D Redshaw, D Tudball (sec).

Apologies: A Egerton-Smith, M Webb (treas).

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 7 March 2017 were approved and signed.

Matters Arising: -

Treasurer's Report: -

Lettings: TC said there were quite a few things in the calendar.

Events: **a) Past:** **i)** Creative Arts East (CAE) Village Screen *The Girl on the Train* (Friday 10 March 2017) - this had gone down very well with a capacity audience of 55. **ii)** CAE Live *StringFillies on the road* (Friday 24 March 2017 in All Saints Church, Welborne) - attendance was modest at 51 but better than at one time indicated and those who were there enjoyed the evening. With a ticket charge of £10 and a performance fee of £550 the box office made a loss of £40 but that should be covered by the CAE guarantee against loss of up to £250 for this show. TC said the bar had made about £80. It was agreed a donation should be offered to the church to cover heat and lighting. The group, who said they enjoyed the evening, had made a donation to the church's Fawltly Tower project. **b) Future:** **i)** CAE Village Screen Spring/Summer 2017 Menu - it was agreed to pass on this menu, as usual in the summer months; DT would inform Moviola accordingly. **ii)** *Food/Quiz Event* (Friday 19 May 2017 7.30pm) - it was agreed IF would organise this, details to be confirmed, but the tentative *Welborne Pudding Club* date of Friday 21 April would be dropped. **iii)** *Welborne Summer Fun Day* (Sunday 9 July 2017) - TC said there were difficulties in organising this event as originally envisaged but it was agreed to go ahead with a *Summer Bar BQ/Music/Stalls*-type event with some children's activities. It was noted that road closures because of the current Anglian Water sewage scheme in the area would have to be taken into account. An initial organising meeting would be scheduled soon.

Trustees: **i)** TC said work on the hall chimney and porch was under way. **ii)** TC said he and DT planned to stand down as chairman and secretary respectively at end-2017. Trustees chairman Andy Maule had been notified of this ahead of the meeting. The reason was simple; they had both been doing the jobs a long time and felt fresh blood was needed. They had told AM they hoped the nine-month notice period and current healthy hall finances would give enough time and flexibility to find a constructive way ahead. AM had kindly said TC/DT had been a 'great team' and wondered whether anything could be done differently to make them reconsider. They had told him changes could certainly be made. But both still felt new leadership was needed, particularly given some of the challenges ahead, such as dealing with the loss of *Welborne Arts Festival*. Other committee members kindly said TC/DT would be hard to replace. TC/DT said they would be confirming their notice to AM after the meeting.

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Any Other Business: It was agreed to renew our membership of both CAE Village Screen and CAE Live for another year, each at a cost of £30 (£25 + VAT). However, on CAE Live it was again noted that it was in effect impossible for us to make money on these events, given the performance fees, and the renewal was mainly to 'keep a foot in the door' and be able to see future selection documents in case an attractive/potentially viable act came up. Unless financing arrangements changed in our favour the prospects of actually making bookings looked slim and continued membership would have to remain under review. It was agreed to try to attend the upcoming *CAE Promoters' Day* on Saturday 22 April at Wortwell; volunteers to contact DT before 18 April.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 2 May 2017, 7.30pm.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.22pm.