

Minutes of Whitley Reading Rooms Committee Meeting

The Reading Rooms at 8pm on Tuesday 24th July 2018

PRESENT: Ian Uffindell (chair), Carole Uffindell (bookings secretary), Margaret Beament (Treasurer), Bryan Roberts, Eddie Carter, Eileen Carter, John Hamley, Bob Brownrigg, Leila Riley (minutes)

1. APOLOGIES

Alison Crawley

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (23rd January 2018)

These were accepted as a true account. Proposed by John and seconded by Eddie

3. MATTERS ARISING

None

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Tesco have sent us this plaque that they wish us to display in a prominent position, then photograph and put on social media. Any suggestions of where to fit?

The garage floor is now finished, but the soil around two of the outside walls still needs removing.

The flat roof has now been replaced, this was of course paid for by Melksham Without Parish Council. The paintwork in the hallway has been rectified.

In the next couple of months I will be decorating the storage cupboard, including sorting the rough floor.

I have repainted the railings by the disabled entrance with black "Hammerite".

Waste: We have decided not to use Hills for waste collection. They wanted to charge £10.54 per lift plus extra for each kilo in excess of 30 kilos, then they wanted to make an extra charge for any recycling. In view of this we have purchased two black bins – one for grass cuttings (which I will put in our green bin) and one for all other waste, which will be put in the household bins of some committee members. The black box will be used for all recycling which I will then put in with our recycling.

Bryan thanked Ian for all his work on behalf of the committee.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Margaret gave us the financial Statement from 1 January to 24 July which shows:

Income: £8200.80

Expenditure: £6720.57

Closing balance: £19278.02

(Copies of the statement were provided at the meeting and can be provided to absentees on request.)

6. Armistice Day Centenary Event

It has been decided that we should hold an event on 11th November 2018 to mark the above anniversary.

Ideas from the floor were:

- Hold a tea party with suitable decorations based on the Union Flag
 - Invite the C of E and Methodist clergy
 - Bob spoke about the dedication ceremony held for the new roll of honour 9 years ago and showed us a picture and news article as an example
 - Follow up names of men on the roll of honour and collect further information about them from surviving descendants (Bollen, Pocock, Chivers) to display in an exhibition
 - Interviews with villagers re memories of relatives who lived through WW1
 - Check out what is being done by other organisations eg School, Cubs
 - Advertise event in "Connect" and on Reading Rooms Facebook Page
- (A small sub-committee was set up to decide on how to organise the event.)

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next committee meeting: Tues July 24th at 8pm