

# **Minutes of Levens Village Institute Committee**

## **Wednesday 20 July 2016 at 6.30p.m.**

### **Present**

Alan Miller, Sheila Watson, Stephen Read, Hugh Connor, Frank Routledge, Mary Orr, Suzie Bagot, Helen Miller & Kath Dawson

### **Apologies**

Chris Riley

### **Minutes of last meeting 20 June 2016**

Approved

### **Chair's report**

Stephen had sent details of his report by email.

He made us aware of a matter from the Parish Council's [PC] last meeting that related to information within our knowledge that members of the PC believed should not have become public knowledge, and wanted to clarify which (if any) of the Institute minutes were to be regarded as confidential. On this point it was agreed that all our minutes are and will continue to be available on the Village website for all to see. As the PC matter related to the village project working party it would be helpful to know what that body and the PC regarded as confidential and thus what should be similarly dealt with at our meetings. A channel of communication between the groups would be a good idea. It was therefore agreed that the Chair would write to the Clerk to the Parish Council seeking clarity.

The tripartite agreement is not yet progressing.

There was a discussion around the progress of the village project, the contracts that would need to be entered into, and that a "client" for the construction of the new village hall had not been named. At some stage our constitution will need to be modernised, and it may be that we should consider adopting a new charitable structure and becoming either a Community Land Trust or a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The possibility of an open public meeting about these changes addressed by a specialist from Action with Communities in Cumbria [ACT] was mooted. It was agreed that the Chair will approach ACT to discuss arrangements.

### **Secretary's report**

Nothing to report.

### **Treasurer's report**

Helen reported that at 29 June the accounts stood at £15,357.99 ord. account £1205.80 monthly draw account and £23,805.11 CCLA account.

### **A.O.B.**

The defibrillator box has been replaced as it was not fully weatherproof. Sheila reported that the Hincaster Trail Organisation needed a box for their defibrillator that would be stored inside. It was agreed we would donate our old one free of charge.

Hugh enquired if the village project working party could meet at the institute. This was discussed and agreed they could meet free of charge at the Institute for general meetings.

**Meeting closed at 7.25**

**Date of next meeting Wednesday 14 September 2016 at 6.30 p.m. upstairs**

**Distribution**

Sheila Watson		Helen Miller	(Treasurer/Bookings)
Stephen Read	(Chair & Local History)	Susie Bagot	(Parish Council)
Kath Dawson	(WI)	Hugh Connor	(LAFS)
Mary Orr	(PCC)	Frank Routledge	(Other Institute Users)
Alan Miller	(Secretary)	Chris Riley	(Appalachian )
Becky Cartwright	(Young Farmers)	Shelley Mallinson	(Toddler Group)
Sarah Dickinson	(Brownies)		

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