

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held with The Village Hall Committee on Wednesday 15th February 2006

Present:

Councillor T Fiddler, (Chair)

Councillors Mrs M Whitehead, Mrs. M. Dowling, M/s D. Morriss, Mrs. E Willis, L Rigby, T. Threlfall, St J Greenhough and C Robb.

Representatives from the Village Hall and the Younger Years Committees.

Apologies: Councillors Mrs S Delany, Mrs M Foster and Mrs. J. Maguire.

The meeting was called to discuss the options available to get the Youth club up and running.

The Chairman opened the meeting by reviewing the background to the calling of this meeting. He stated that:-

1. It was a requirement of the Parish plan to find accommodation for the youths of the village to meet on a regular basis.
2. A recent meeting with representatives from Community Futures suggested that the Village hall should be used on a temporary basis. In addition, the Village hall committee, as a registered charity, were the most appropriate body to seek fundings for the development of the village hall or for a new building to accommodate the Youth centre.

Harry Latham stated that the Village hall committee was aware of this requirement and arrangements have been made for the youths to use the village on two or three Tuesday evenings each month. There was also the possibility of the hall being used on a Friday night. Current bookings restricted the use any further, but additional nights would be considered once the existing commitments have been met.

Councillor Threlfall reported that he had recently attended a meeting with the LCC Youth Service and they were supportive of this idea and would be willing to hold sessions on Fridays.

It was suggested that two separate sessions would be required. One to accommodate the age groups from 11-14 and another for the 15-18 year olds.

It was agreed to hold an information-generating meeting on 28th February 2006, commencing at 6:30pm and to invite the youths of the village to attend this meeting. The purpose was to find out exactly what was required in terms of supervision, equipment and space. It was agreed that it was imperative that the representatives from the LCC Youth service should attend this meeting. County Councillor Whittle agreed to invite Mandy Stott, John Lewis and John Hutchings. Carol Thomas agreed to circulate a notice around the village inviting the youths to attend.

Harry Robinson enquired:-

1. Who would be responsible for the rental fees for the Village hall? The Chairman indicated that the Council would support this funding.
2. Who would sign the rental agreement? It was agreed that this would be the LCC Youth services.
3. Who would be responsible for the Insurance for the meetings? It was agreed that this would be the LCC Youth services.

4. What are the long-term intentions for a Youth centre? It was suggested that a new building would be the long-term objective, subject to there being sufficient demand from the youths of the village. Community Futures had indicated that an extended Village hall trust fund would be the appropriate body to progress this requirement.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed.....T. Fiddler, Chairman.....

Date.....06/03/2006.....