

## **Minutes of the Village Society Committee held on 9 December 2009 at the**

### **Half Moon and Seven Stars.**

**Present;** David Theoff (Chairman, Pat Simpson, Roger Ayling, John Simpson, Jan Rudolph(Secretary), Pip Hazleton , Karen Wright, and Louise Perryman

Apologies received from; Ollie Chapman, Alan Coller

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record

Matters arising from the last meeting are covered by the agenda

#### **Finance**

£500 came from KCC Member Leyland Ridings on 4 November 2009 to support the Planning Application for the Village Hall. David will write and thank him. His letter will include detail of the progress of the Planning Application and ask him for a letter of support.

£1,495.72 has been transferred to us from the former Theatre Group. This money is ring-fenced for theatrical projects and it was agreed that the organisers of the Pantomime should have a budget of £500 which they can apply to the Village Society to spend.

There is £3,256.93 in our account.

#### **Events**

The Quiz was very well supported with 11 teams competing and raised £467. The Christmas Coffee Morning was also successful and raised £314.60. As these 2 events were organised by the Village Hall the funds went straight to their account.

Planning Future Events

**Plant Sale in May** – Following the success of last year Pat is organising another sale and is looking for volunteers to grow plants for it. She is investigating buying seeds and compost cheaply. Louise offered some Gunera plants and other members have offered Red Musk, Bamboo and Red Dogwood

**Dog Show/Horticultural Show** – The suggestion came from the Village Hall Committee of holding a Dog Show in the summer at the same time as the Horticultural Show. We will revisit this at our February meeting.

**Goosebumps-** Louise to contact the band for the proposed date of 9 April

**Beer-tasting-** Karen to investigate for February/March

**Casino night** – Karen investigating

**Gilbert & Sullivan** event – Louise & Karen to ask Tony Pierce

**Chef's evening** – John to follow up

**Pop Concert** – Pip to investigate

#### **Young People's Action Plan**

The Football Shelter is in place but needs tiles on the roof, another coat of paint and a concrete base

## **Reports on Projects**

Housing Survey – Showed the need for 13 affordable housing units of varying size. A representative from Action for Rural Kent will be at the next Parish Council Meeting on 8 January 2010 to discuss possible sites and the way forward. Roger enquired about the Village Design Statement and how the information demonstrated in that fits with this new document. He expressed a wish to attend the Parish council meeting to question the representative from ARK. David will talk to Ollie about Roger and the VDS committee attending the Parish Council.

**Village Hall** – The Planning Application is in and being validated at present. When it is accepted there will be a 21 day consultation period where letters of support will be invaluable to the success of the process. John will be asking councillors for their support and has requested that the Village Society Committee write as individuals. The application can be seen on the Dover District Council website and its number is DOV/09 1008

**Newsletter**- deadline was 5 December but John is waiting for contributions. David will confirm with the Parish council that they can pay for this edition. To follow up on Pip's visits to local businesses David will write to them with the aim of getting the money for 8 advertisements for back pages for future editions.

The next meeting will be held on 13 January 2010