

BREDFIELD VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Rate Review Sub-Committee Meeting

Held on
Thursday 6 June at 8.45pm in the Village Hall

MINUTES

Attendees:

Officers: Keith Derham (Chairman), David Hepper (Treasurer), Jane Talbot (Secretary)

Co-opted Members: Tony Bence

It was reported that there has not been an increase in the hiring rates for the hall for the last couple of years. David said that expenditure was roughly the same as last year and that as always the water, fuel and electricity utility bills were the biggest outlay, with the shop contributing to quite a large proportion of the electricity. However, the efficient boiler has helped to keep costs down.

It was recognised that although the hiring of the hall remains variable, income had remained a steady £6,500 for the last three years.

Keith asked how the shop paid for water usage and David explained they paid an annual charge which also includes a charge for the car park. He admitted that the shop does use a fair amount of water. Electricity is the largest bill which is metered between the hall and the shop. Overall David was not unduly worried about the bills and this included possible maintenance charges of £1,000 plus.

David did state that in the next twelve months there may well be some larger bills, eg work on the car park and the replacement of windows and doors.

In conclusion it was felt that a rise in the rates was not necessary for this year but would be mandatory next year and before making a decision there should be comparisons with the rates of hire for other village halls in the area.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.