

MINUTES OF THE UMBORNE INSTITUTE TRUST

Meeting at the Hall

Tuesday, 16 February, at 8pm

Attended by Rob Summers (chairman), Geoff Elliott (secretary), Paul Galloway (treasurer), Sue Gush, Liz Gosling, Paul Forster, Peter Rugg, Kimmo Evans, Neville Cheeseman and Ted Townsend.

Apologies: Eleanor Wood and Janet Coman

Minutes: Those of meetings on December 16, January 26 and February 9 were approved and signed by the chairman

Matters Arising: GE said that there were no hall bookings after March 1. Regular users of the hall had all been informed about the plans for dismantling the hall and building another.

PR asked if the parish council owed any fees. Rosemary Hewson would be asked to inquire.

Correspondence: RS reported that Phil Bird of Young Farmers had said they would like to raise funds for the new hall.

There had been flyers about 2010 courses for community buildings and a drop-in surgery for parish planning.

Trust posts: GE said that members had indicated individually since the previous meeting that they were in favour of Ted Townsend being co-opted to the trust to bring our numbers up to the maximum. RS said TT would be co-opted until the next AGM and then would stand, if he wished, for election.

RS was elected chairman and GE and PG were appointed secretary and treasurer respectively.

Reports from Sub-Committees:

Finance and General Purposes: PG said he was ready to roll out the Umborne Bonds scheme. TT had prepared the final paperwork and SG had redesigned the bonds themselves. PG would apply the names of the bondholders to each bond, sign it and date it. He would keep a record of all the owners.

The Q&A prepared by TT would be given to all members of the community and the backgrounder prepared by GE would be used as an aide memoire.

SG said she had spoken to many of the previous contributors and she would provide details to the chairman.

GE said that the list of people to be offered bonds should include all those in the valley, not just those on the social functions list. There had to be a master list, said TT. SG said she would prepare a full community list of names and addresses.

GE would send out an email introducing the scheme and would seek space in the next parish magazine to give further details. He was asked to ensure that people should contact him if they had not seen a trustee by March 16.

KE said he would go from house to house in Shute.

Entertainment/Fundraising: EW said that arrangements were in hand for the Last Night in the Nissen Hut on February 26. A big crowd was expected. Volunteers would prepare soups and puddings, and EW would bake a celebratory cake. In addition to the usual raffle, there would be an auction of items given by Raymond Quick and Dawn Franklin.

New Hall Development: GE said that he had written stories and circulated them to appropriate local news outlets, but the heritage trust had not yet confirmed that it would dismantle the hall and take it to Dunkeswell for rebuilding.

PF said that there was a building regulations schedule of 18 requirements to be satisfied. This would take two to three weeks to complete. There was a fire plan to prepare by the end of the month and another plan to write, setting out how the building works would be carried out safely.

PR asked whether all suitable forms of heating had been explored rather than just overhead heaters. LG said that radiators at ground level could be a danger to children. PF said he would seek advice on all the options.

He said that March 8 was the agreed starting date for the project. It was further agreed that a working party would strip out the hall on Saturday, 6 March, and turn off the water.

PR asked if there was yet planning permission to resite the gate into the field from which land was being offered for the car park. RS said this had still to be done.

Rosemary Hewson would take care of the hall's three pictures.

KE announced that a third grant had been awarded to us, this one for £9,000 from the Sustainable Development Fund. He was congratulated on obtaining the grant, which meant that we were within £12,000 of the total amount of money needed to complete the hall.

He said that JC was putting the finishing touches to an application to Awards for All in respect of the new car park.

We would hear from Acres at the end of the month whether a loan of £8,000 would be available to us.

Website: TT said he had agreed a format with Bill Corr for local walks to be posted on the website.

GE was to provide approved minutes to Bill for uploading.

Any Other Business: A photograph of all trustees would be taken on March 6. NC said he would provide the photographer at 10am.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 16 March, at Colhayne Farm at 8pm.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.