

Notes on the minutes of the Village Hall Committee, 1998 – 2004 (Library, X18)

April 1998 1997 Country Fair had raised £4,500.

3rd June 1998 Costs for repairs and improvements to the Hall would be £90,000 to £95,000, major fund-raising required. These included roof repairs, upgrading of the heating plant, sound-proofing, temperature control, toilet facilities and wheelchair access for disabled, as well as improvements to the kitchen, on which savings had been made in the original construction. The problem with the roofing was that planners had insisted on the use of heavy concrete tiles instead of lighter aluminium ones.

Country Fair, best yet, surplus £6,112.

19th January 1999. No Country Fair this year, shortage of volunteers.

21st April 1999 Application by Blackman Trustees for planning permission had been studied. The Village Hall supported the Parish Council stance on this. (See Village/Reports/Kews Meadow for full account of this development.)

7th July 1999 Application to Lottery for funding Hall improvements, £103,750.

25th April 2000 Lottery grant made for full amount.

May 2001 In 2000, Rude Mechanicals Theatre Company had performed on 17th July. They were returning this year for performance of 12th Night.

18th February 2002 Letter from Michael Atkinson, Chairman of Parish Council, to Tony Fry, Chairman of Village Hall Management Committee, rebutting Tony Fry's objections to proposal by Parish Council for relocation of Post Office to Village Hall. (Frank and Jenny Wheeler had retired from running the village Post Office from the shop at Riverside; Janet and Cyrus Khambata unwilling to accommodate it at East Meon Stores. Possibility of using Store Room at Village Hall being considered.)

2nd April 2002 EHDC Central Area Committee meeting considers East Meon's request for funds for relocating Post Office.

Undated letter from Village Hall Management Committee to Chairman Parish Council agreeing in principle to setting up Post Office in Village Hall.

EHDC recommends grant of £7,760.50p.

23rd April 2003 Pam Thorne is chairman. Postmortem on Theatre Company performance of 12th Night on 27th July; not returning in 2002.

7th May 2003 2002 Country Fair raised £5222 2003 May Fair profit over £8000.

18th May 2004 Robin West elected Chairman. Proposal by Michael Blakstad to purchase screen and projector to enable film screenings.