

and felt that the books were not being marketed properly. Several suggestions were put forward to move the existing stock, this included sales at the Heritage Centre opening, further enquiries at the College, and offering a large discount to the Post Office to encourage sales. Trustees considered lowering the price to £5.00 per copy and the Secretary was instructed to contact Mr Boobyer for his reaction to this proposal. Cllr Mrs Mullin proposed that the book be advertised on the website and Cllr Spencer requested that this be an agenda item for the January Meeting.

989 INTERIM AUDIT REPORT

The Trustees accepted the report and agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman should look at the Council Standing Orders for possible adoption by the Trust.

990 Hall Chairs

Currently the Trust hold approximately 130 Chairs and as the Hall can seat 150, Trustees decided to purchase a further 20 chairs as and when the supplier is identified.

991 HALL ROOF

Cllr Watson reported that together with the roofer he had inspected the swept valley whilst it was being repaired and also had his attention drawn to several other possible defects in the roof. In particular the "laps" were inadequate and, in his opinion, the swept valley had not been properly clad. He and the Chairman had instructed the roofer (Paul Morse) to inspect suspect parts of the roof and assess the amount of rectification work required and supply a detailed report and costings. Internally they were not able to assess whether the water staining was recent or had occurred prior to the new roof in 1997. There was no doubt that there were some areas where rain water was penetrating when the wind was in certain directions. There was reason to suspect that the junctions with the dormer windows were of particular concern. In his opinion the original specification and design by Eric Cole and Partners was sufficient and he was led to believe that Eric Cole and Partners were engaged to supervise the roof works. To date the original contracts for the work have not come to light. He was led to believe that provided the stone tiles had been properly laid and installed, the roof life would be in the region of fifty years. He suggested that a second opinion for an independent appraisal be made in order to compare costs. Cllr Howell asked whether the Trust could go back to the original contractor, Smith Roofing. Cllr Watson replied that this was unlikely as the work was probably out of time. Cllr Spencer believed this type of roof was always a problem unless lead lined valleys were installed. Cllr Tidmarsh enquired whether there was any way the Trust could take Cole & Partners to task regarding their part in the supervision. Cllr Watson had been unable to find any letter of understanding or contract between Eric Cole & Partners and the Trust, and was not hopeful that the architects could be held to account. It was proposed that further research into the Trust's archives be carried out and, failing that, to contact English Heritage for copies of the original grant application.

992 BOUNCE BOX LIGHTING

This item had been held over from the previous meeting in order to await the result of the Village Plan survey. As this was not possible, the Trustees decided to shelve the proposal until such time as there was firm evidence for or against the lighting proposal.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

993 PreSchool Canopy Proposal

Cllr Watson presented a draft plan showing an all-weather canopy situated at the rear of the hall to enable children to play under cover in wet weather. Cllr Tidmarsh enquired whether this type of canopy was readily available to which Cllr Watson replied there was a large range of shelters from wooden frames to suspended fabric types. Cllr Holman believed this was a definite requirement from OFSTED to which Cllr Tidmarsh agreed, directing Trustee's attention to a recently erected shelter at Longcot School. It was agreed to defer the item to next month's agenda for a decision in principle, in order to give the Pre-School management information for a possible grant application.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Immediately after the meeting, Trustees were shown a selection of slides and a short list is to be drawn up for future consideration.