

Minutes of the Extraordinary Amenities Charity Meeting  
2nd July 2018

In Attendance:- Chris, Mark T, Robert, Ann, Roy, Bryan, Sally.

Apologies :- Megan, Mark C.

Chris informed us Bryan Urbick was replacing Gareth Dean as the representative from the SSPC.

1. Declared Interests. As previously recorded.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting, Approved. Points raised as follows:-

Chris has yet to send copy of correspondence detailing what is required of us as members of the Charity from the Charities Commission. He will arrange for this to be done but is still mindful of the fact we need to be more transparent, as stated in previous meetings, by publishing our minutes etc. Bryan stated the SSPC publish their minutes on the website. If we send him the last 12 months minutes he will assist with this. Sally to send to Bryan. SALLY/BRYAN.

Mark enquired of Bryan if the PC had received any invoices from Ben in connection with maintenance of the Rec. As stated previously, the AC will settle the one off invoices and the PC regular maintenance payments. Bryan had not seen any paperwork from Ben. Chris will contact Ben to request invoices. CHRIS.

Robert has checked the equipment on the Rec prior to the visit from ROSPA.

No bill from Mark Hathaway. Chris will chase. CHRIS.

We are still awaiting speed bumps, on the approach to the Rec, to be sprayed with luminous paint. Bryan will check with the PC to see if this has been arranged. BRYAN.

3. Legal Advice re Shop Lease. Chris.

Chris provided us with correspondence from Blandy and Blandy and we discussed the requirements needed from the AC. First, we need to appoint a competent person, of which Andrew Scrivener was originally mentioned but is unable to assist with this role. It was suggested we ask Neil Proctor. Advice needed from this person in connection with leases etc. Chris will approach him. Secondly, we need to make sure we are acting in the best role for the village in respect of utilising the areas under our responsibility, such as the Rec, in a way that is best for the village. Therefore, allowing the Shop to use the Rec is deemed acceptable. Thirdly, although we have shareholders, none of them can effect a decision on the lease, so we are ok with any connected persons being involved. Mark T is okay in his role as treasurer for the AC and Shop. CHRIS.

Legal costs amount to £3198 to date, and the AC are to ask the PC to pay for the new lease, which is approximately £1200. Bryan and Roy saw no problem with this. Moving forwards, it was suggested we share the cost with the PC, 50/50. CHRIS/BRYAN.

If the new build takes place on the Rec and we as a Charity are responsible, we would then have to appoint a qualified surveyor, preferably with local connections. We would also need to get VAT advice from a reputable company. To be addressed when, and if, this occurs.

4. Community Hall Plans. Chris.

Chris stated the public meeting on the 30th June, to outline plans for the new Community Hall and Shop had been cancelled due to further information being sought. Chris asked Bryan to send the committee the plans under consideration and we are all to offer any comments at our next meeting on the 23rd July. BRYAN.

5. Ground clearance and future plans. Chris.

Mark H has cleared the area behind the shop with a digger. We need to consider what to do with this piece of land, before the problem returns. The simplest solution is to seed it. If the ground is rotavated, this can be done quite easily. Chris to speak to Mark H or Paul S to enquire if they can assist with this. We are still dealing with rabbits and we are looking at ferrets or birds of prey being used, but this will not be until September. CHRIS.

Chris mentioned the correspondence received from SOHA, via Mark C, on the upkeep of this piece of land. It was decided the cost was too expensive and Chris is to speak to Larry to advise that we, as a committee, have done all we can and future maintenance was his responsibility. CHRIS.

Another section of land on the Rec that needs attention is the strip of land running along the gardens and edge of the basket ball pitch. The area is full of shrubs and roots etc. It was agreed Chris would ask Mark H to deal with this, approx cost £300. CHRIS.

6. Village Hall Decoration. Robert.

All set for the August Bank holiday weekend, Ann to check with Selina re her class on Friday morning and let Robert know. ANN/ROBERT.

7. Beacon Update. Robert.

The new Beacon is up and looks great. Robert asked for a vote of thanks to Guy Hildred and Paul Stevens for their help in assisting with this project. All agreed a great job done.

8. Fundraising. Chris.

Chris is producing a Murder Mystery, to be staged on the 18th January, 2019, in the Village Hall. As he is raising funds for the Shop, he asked if some of us could help on the night. We all agreed, if we were are around, we would help.

AOB.

Sally mentioned Joyce Hoskar had asked if the sign regarding parking outside her house could be made bigger. Joyce had a problem with, what appeared to be a running club, parking on the Rec on Thursday. Bryan mentioned they had a problem with a running group in Goring using the Park and Robert to check to see if he can find out who they are. Chris mentioned we were also looking at trimming the tree that is resting on her shed! Robert and Chris will ask Jamie to sort out later in the year. We will consider making a new sign for this area. CHRIS/ROBERT.

The BBQ will take place Sunday 26th August. Time TBD.

Apple trees on the Rec need water. Chris asked for help. Mark and Roy will assist. Sunday 8th July.

Mark Taylor advised our accounts have been audited.  
Bryan to be added as a trustee. Mark T to organise.

Date of next Meeting 23rd July. AGM 23rd July 2018.