

Draft Minutes of
Amenities Charity Meeting
1st April 2019.

In Attendance:- Chris Bertrand (CB), Phil Wortley (PW), Mark Chadwick (MC), Robert Small, (RS), Ann Powell (AP), Megan Jocelyn (MJ), Sally Woodall (SW).

APOLOGIES:- Mark Taylor.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:- As noted in previous meetings.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:- Agreed and signed as an accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING:- CB.

Several points to be covered later in the meeting. However the following was noted:-

Community Hall Development. CB raised the matter with Bryan Urbick regarding using the AC as a vehicle for fund raising. It was established the Parish Council should be nominated and this is being actioned accordingly.

CB is now on the list for future meetings and bought everyone up to speed on the latest Community Building Project Meeting (which SW attended). It was clear the comments made by the AC and other groups had been noted by the CBP such as the 9 Metre Covenant, placement of the building on the Rec, prefab buildings to be explored etc, and the CBP had been up to Bakewell, amongst other areas, to look at a possible solution for us as a Building.

CB still unsure of the comment stated by Bryan Urbick that the final decision of the building rests with the Charities Commission, he will investigate further with Bryan Urbick. **CB.**

The AC are happy to start raising funds for the CBP and suggested monies raised from the White Elephant Stall at the May Fayre should be passed on. CB to put note in Newsletter requesting any goods be dropped off at the Village Hall on Sunday 5th May. AP, MJ and SW happy to assist with the stall. **CB, AP, MJ, SW.**

TREASURES REPORT:- CB.

CB had some correspondence and invoices for payment but none that were immediate. All agreed to await the return of Mark Taylor to return.

VILLAGE HALL STEWARDS REPORT:- RS.

Wheelers booked to carry out the annual PAT test of electrical equipment.

Taps have been replaced. Gutters not checked, to be carried over to next meeting. **RS.**

Asbestos in hall. RS produced a notice to be put up in the hall around the 2 heaters advising of suspected Asbestos. PW stated it is very difficult to identify Asbestos but any contractor must be made aware of possible Asbestos existence before any works permitted. All agreed.

RS.

AP stated the locks are causing problems, especially on the Cooker. SW also stated she and Selina Bond find the Sound System lock very difficult to use. RS already rectified the Cooker lock and will look at the Sound System lock. **RS.**

Disabled toilets. We have a quote for £5k. The committee felt this was too expensive. Further investigation needed. Carry forward to next meeting.

It was noted as we only have 1 fire exit there should be limit of a maximum of 60 people in the hall at one time. We must make sure all Users of the hall are aware of this requirement.

RECREATION GROUND STEWARD REPORT:- MC.

MC has been chasing Ben re grass seeding and has not received a response. PW offered to reseed the Bonfire area asap. CB asked MC to let Ben know we were disappointed at his failure to carry out the jobs mentioned to him earlier in the year. **CB/PW.**

MC had obtained 2 further quotes including a quote from Green and Tidy which was only 10% higher than Ben's. PW advised he had some previous knowledge of this company, not favourable, so it was decided not to pursue this. MC to chase Ben. AP reminded the Committee about Green Gym. CB advised he was organising a working party on the Rec on Saturday the 6th April. All welcome to join him.

SW shared an email she had received from a parent regularly using the Rec with her children and dogs, with an offer of help from her husband, who is a professional Wildlife Manager. SW to respond with an introduction to MC who will take up the offer of help. **SW/MC.**

BOOKING SECRETARY REPORT:- AP.

The anti-natal Pilates group is not using the hall at present due to lack of numbers.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL:- PW.

Our neighbours of the hall would like to lease some of the Park to use as their garden. He suggested we agree to this and create a right of way, allowing us to access the area around the Hall at the time the lease was arranged. All agreed.

USERS REPORT:- SW/MJ. Nothing to report.

CLOTHING COLLECTION:- The Air Ambulance Charity had approached CB but after consultations with PW, who advised the school did an annual collection, and AP advised of the mess around the bins in Wallingford, and the fact that the actual monies received by the Air Ambulance was very small, we decided as a group not to proceed.

AOB:- RS advised, as he is moving house, he will retire as the Village Hall Steward after the AGM, in July, and Lynn would also resign at this time. We all agreed it was a very sad day. CB to put a notification in the newsletter for both positions. **CB.**

RS agreed to replace the battery on the Defibrillator. **RS.**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:- 3rd June 2019 . 7.30pm in the Village Hall. SW to ask Clerk to note date in Newsletter. **SW.**