

Draft Minutes of
Amenities Charity Meeting
(Zoom)

Monday 8th February 2021

In Attendance: Dave Lucas (DL) Acting Chairman and Village Hall Steward, Ann Powell (AP) Booking's Secretary, Selina Bond (SB) Hall User, Sally Woodall (SW) Secretary and Hall User, Jenny Mansfield (JM) Joint Recreation Ground Steward, Pat Melia (PM) Joint Recreation Ground Steward.

By Invitation: Mark Taylor (MT)

Apologies: None

Minutes of the last Meeting held on the 11th January 2021:

The Minutes were agreed with the following amendment-

MT advised the Committee that Mick of MRH Services had not been formally instructed to repair the goal posts (see Playground). MT only requested he have a look at them when he was next on site and report back to him.

Matters Arising not elsewhere on the Agenda:

None.

Book Keeper's Report: MT

MT reported the AC were in receipt of the 3rd grant from SODC in the sum of £6477. Despite several attempts by MT to establish how this grant was calculated he has yet to receive any information from SODC and is awaiting a reply to his email. We all agreed this is excellent news and, as DL commented, we may be in the hall for the long term due to the delay in the Community Building Project and there are now outstanding maintenance works that need to be carried out.

Village Hall Steward's Report: DL

Again, with the delay in the Community Building Project DL updated the Committee on the following:-

The exterior of the building is showing signs of deterioration and needs some repair to the wrought iron cladding and the roof. The outside of the building would also benefit from a coat of paint. Whilst it may be possible to get a working party together to paint the outside

of the building (in the better weather) DL advised that we would require a contractor to look at the roof and cladding. DL to investigate costs and report back. **DL.**

DL has met with Kevin Flynn (KF) regarding the main kitchen door. KF to provide estimates for both repair and replacement and DL will advise when he is in receipt of this quotation. **DL.**

DL asked MT if he could update the Committee on the situation regarding the disabled toilet and new fire escape entrance. MT advised the Committee the arrangement with the PC had changed in respect of grants given to the AC and that the PC were going to fund and manage certain projects under the new arrangement and this is one of those projects. (See Minutes 9.3.20). DL to ask PW for an update from the PC. **DL/PW.**

DL updated the committee on the current situation with Openreach/BT. Despite being informed there would be no charge for the cable to be installed to allow a wifi connection in the hall, BT have quoted £1000 for the installation and there is no guarantee it will provide a good signal. BT advised EE were about to launch a wireless box and recommended we use this company. DL to research wireless options and report back to the committee. **DL.**

Recreation Ground Steward's Report: JM and PM

PM advised she had met and walked around the Rec with Ali Joubert (AJ) at which time AJ carried out the necessary checks with PM present. JM has arranged to meet AJ along with PM later this week, and it was agreed AJ would continue to inspect the playground and report back to both PM and JM. In the event of AJ being unable to carry out an inspection, PM and JM will stand in for her.

PM and JM will also provide a procedure for works to be carried out on the Rec and provide to the AC at the next meeting. **PM/JM.**

Following a meeting with MT, PM and JM are in the process of introducing themselves to the various contractors who maintain the Rec. MT has provided them with the necessary contact details.

Rabbit Tree protection c/f to next meeting. **DL.**

Playground: DL

The playground remains open during this lockdown. DL mentioned the zipwire, PM and JM are aware of the problem and have the matter in hand. **PM/JM.**

Booking's Secretary Report: AP

With the addition of the election in May the hall is currently booked, as mentioned in Minutes 11/1/21, in May and August, subject to government restrictions. The Tai Chi instructor had been in contact but needs wifi if he is to use the hall.

The History Society are looking to hold meetings from October/November, again subject to government restrictions.

W.I: AP

W.I. still meeting on Zoom with no plans to come back to the hall at present.

PM shared her concern of the re-surfacing of the entrance road to the village hall, especially for the elderly and people who use walkers or wheelchairs. DL advised PM the PC were responsible for the shingle and the matter had already been addressed with PW to consult with the PC. SW advised PW had informed the AC the PC confirmed the shingle is what they ordered but they have met with the contractor and a path is to be created to help with access. PM thought it a good idea, as we all did, for any path to be in the middle of access road. DL to email PW with our recommendation. **DL/PW.**

Hall User's Report: SB and SW

Nothing to report

Matters from the PC: PW

Nothing reported

Community Building:

No further updates.

A.O.B:

A.G.M c/f

SB asked the Committee if we could look at the possibility of an outside gym on the Rec, which we all thought was a good idea. PM advised she had written to Bryan Urbick (BU) in the past suggesting this and he had indicated he thought this was very good idea, although she has not received any further communication from BU or the PC. DL to ask PW for an update from the PC. **DL/PW.**

Date of next Meeting:

Monday 8th March, (Zoom), at 6.30pm.