

Draft Minutes of
Amenities Charity Meeting
(Zoom)

Monday 8th March 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 8th February 2021:

The Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed accordingly.

Matters Arising not elsewhere on the Agenda:

None.

Book Keeper's Report: MT

MT has received the breakdown of funds from SODC in respect of the 3rd grant in lockdown. The figure of £6477 was made up as Local Restrictions Support Grant (Tier 4 26/12/20-04/01/21) £476, Local Restrictions Support Grant (05/01/21-15/02/21) £2001, Closed Business Lockdown Payment (Lockdown 3) £4000. MT stated there may be further grants subsequent to the current lockdown restrictions are removed. DL confirmed the Hall can now be used by the School. The 200 Club subscriptions amount to £3106 for the year and almost £750 in gift aid. MT confirmed we currently have £30k plus in our bank account.

Village Hall Steward's Report: DL

Prior to the meeting DL provided a document via MT from ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) showing a roadmap out of lockdown which we all agreed was very useful. As previously stated, the Village Hall can be used by the School at the present time.

DL suggested we advertise for a cleaner on an ad hoc basis initially to clean the Village Hall, and increase the hours as the hall gets busier. DL to place a note on the South Stoke Facebook page and asked the Committee if they could spread the word. **DL.**

DL has investigated the wireless options for internet in the Village Hall. Vodafone appears to be the best provider in the current climate but DL will continue researching options. **DL.**

PW had provided DL with an update from the PC regarding the shingle on the footpath leading to the Village Hall. The PC have a budget of £500 to fix the footpath and it is hoped by replacing some of the shingle with a smaller stone, the problem will be rectified. The AC are happy to contribute to the cost, should it require to do so, in order to fix the problem. DL to advise PW. **DL/PW.**

PW provided a separate email regarding Parish Council matters which is attached.

Kitchen door, general maintenance, outside painting and rust problems c/f to next meeting.

Recreation Ground Steward's Report: JM and PM

JM advised Mick of MRH Services had been on site and the repair to the zipwire is in hand. The estimate for this is £400. DL proposed we approve and PM seconded, unanimously carried. MT mentioned that ROSPA had commented at the time of the installation that it was not of the correct standard but to date nothing had been done about it. MT also mentioned the posts by his back gate on the Rec were still to be removed by MRH Services. PM and JM to advise Mick when he is next on site. **PM/JM.**

JM had now had a meeting with Ali Joubert (AJ) and she was in contact with both her and PM on a regular basis.

JM and PM to contact Jamie Turner in respect of the fallen tree in the far north corner of the Rec, where the disputed footpath is, and obtain quotes for its removal. **JM/PM.**

JM advised the sleeves to the apple trees have been completed.

PM brought to the attention of the Committee a pallet stuck in a tree by the railway line. DL had a look but unable to assist. MT offered to have a look and see if he could dislodge it. **MT.**

AJ has fixed one of the goalposts but another one is broken and it would appear we need new nets. MT to liaise with JM and PM with original supplier details for them to make contact. PM also mentioned the wooden goal posts have not been buried into the ground deep enough and need to be banked up with soil. JM and PM to attend to this. **JM/PM/MT.**

PM and JM are aware of the incident with the metal detectorist on the Rec and will monitor any further movement.

JM and PM will keep a check on the litterbins and benches on the Rec and report back any action needed to be taken. **PM/JM.**

Playground: DL

Remains open during lockdown 3.

Booking Secretary's Report: AP

AP advised the Village Hall is to be used for the up and coming election, May 5th. If we have not employed a cleaner at that time, she has volunteered to clean it and SB/SW agreed to help.

As mentioned in previous Minutes, the hall is currently booked in late May and August.

On-line diary c/f to next meeting.

W.I. Report:

Nothing to report.

Hall User's Report: SB/SW

Nothing to report.

Matters from the PC: PW

PW was not present and as mentioned previously did provide some info after the meeting which is attached. The Committee had a discussion regarding the fire escape issue and both MT and SW were able to confirm the purpose of a fire escape entrance was to increase the numbers allowed in the Hall under current government legislation. DL to consult with PW.
DL/PW.

Adult Exercise c/f to next meeting.

Community Building:

No update.

AOB:

MT enquired if anyone had accommodated Mark Chadwick's request to store spare swing seats. As no contact has been made, he is happy to store these and will contact Mark Chadwick to arrange to collection. **MT.**

Mick Heron had raised the question of fencing off the play area on the Rec to deter dogs. The Committee felt this was not necessary. PM and JM to monitor the situation. **PM/JM.**

Date of next Meeting:

Monday 12th April, 6.30pm, Zoom.